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LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS IN CLASH WITH NAZIS

London, To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. cables: "I am now able to reveal that the Lancashire Fusiliers were the heroes of the fight in No-Man's Land in which German forces were routed by a British patrol.

"Unsupported by a barrage of gun-fire, trench mortar bombs or machine-gun bullets similar to that which recently enabled an overwhelmingly superior enemy force to attack an outpost held by the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, the Fusiliers climbed the parapet of sandbags and advanced silently in clear moonlight.

"A German patrol was expected and an ambush was prepared.

"A tense period of waiting followed in which a single cough would have betrayed the Fusiliers, but the Germans walked right into the trap.

"A fierce individual test of courage, initiative and skill followed, resulting in five Germans being killed and one captured, while the British suffered no casualties." — Reuter.

RED ARMY LEADERS DECORATED

Moscow, To-day.

Decorations awarded yesterday suggest that the Soviet campaign against Finland was conducted by a Staff presided over by General Meretskov, commander of the Leningrad military district; Kulik, Vice-Commissioner for Defence, and Tomaschanko, Political Vice-Commissioner for Defence.

General Stern, who was reported to have been put in command of the Soviet forces in the later phases of the campaign, is not mentioned, which suggests that he never left the command of the Soviet forces in the Far East.—Reuter.

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
ACCORDING TO CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE GERMAN LEGATION HERE GERMANY HAS PRESENTED A NOTE TO RUMANIA AMOUNTING ALMOST TO AN ULTIMATUM.

The German Note sharply attacks M. Christu, the new Rumanian Minister of Foreign Trade, for his part in shaping Rumania's recent economic policy.

According to the Germans, Rumania promised during the previous trade talks that with the reichsmark fixed at 49.5 lei, the dollar would be maintained at 180 lei and other "hard" currencies at proportionate rates.

GENERAL MUTO THE 'IMMUTABLE'

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

REPLYING TO AN INTERPELLATOR WHO ASKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE POSITION OF FOREIGN CONCESSIONS IN CHINA, WITH THE PROGRESS IN BUILDING UP THE "NEW ORDER" IN EAST ASIA, MAJOR-GENERAL MUTO, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD, EMPHASISED IT WAS CLEAR FROM REPEATED DECLARATIONS BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THAT JAPAN WILL CONSIDER THE RETROGRESSION OF JAPANESE CONCESSIONS IN CHINA AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "NEW ORDER" PROGRESSES.

"I think Japan should take the necessary action as soon as the new situation in East Asia has been accomplished," he said.

In the event that third powers do not conform, he said, Japan and China "should make every effort to bring about a really new order in East Asia, taking suitable measures according to the necessity of the situation."—Reuter.

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE UNINFORMATIVE

Paris, To-day.

The French communiques are still brief and reveal that all is yet quiet on the western front.

Yesterday morning's communique said "a calm night on the whole of the front" which was followed last evening by the statement "nothing to report." — Reuter.

BRITISH PLANE SHOT DOWN

Amsterdam, To-day.

A British plane was shot down about noon at a great height near Lobith, on the Dutch-German frontier, in a fight with two German planes.

The plane crashed in flames into the River Oudewa, on the Dutch side of the frontier. Its two occupants were killed.—Reuter.

A SALVAGE MARVEL

London, To-day.

Salvage tugs have towed into port the Netherlands tanker Phobos.

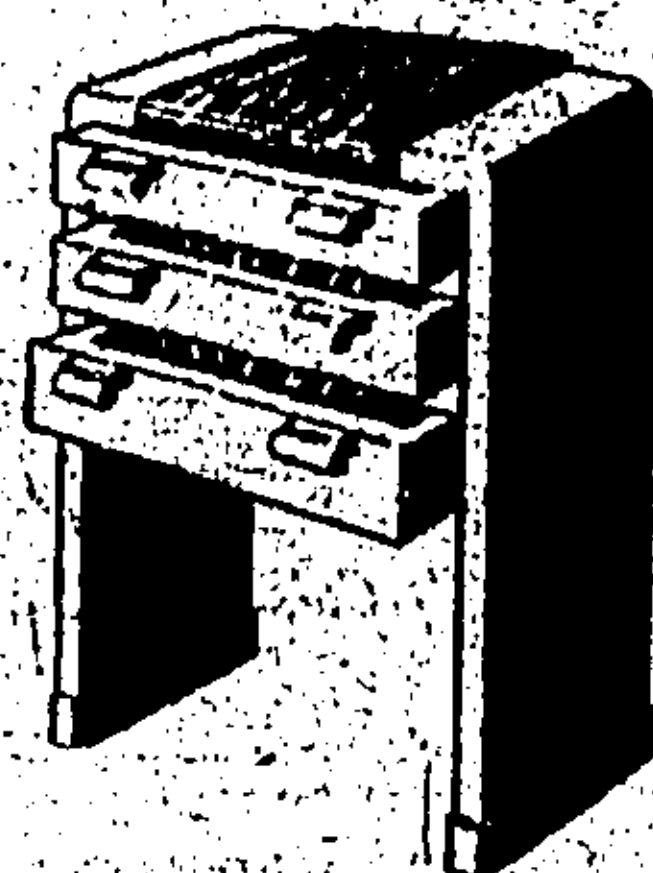
The coxswain of the lifeboat which had been standing by said the sea all round was covered in inches deep with black oil pouring from a huge hole in the ship's side.

He added it was a marvel the ship remained afloat but the salvage crew and divers, working day and night, effected temporary repairs.—Reuter.

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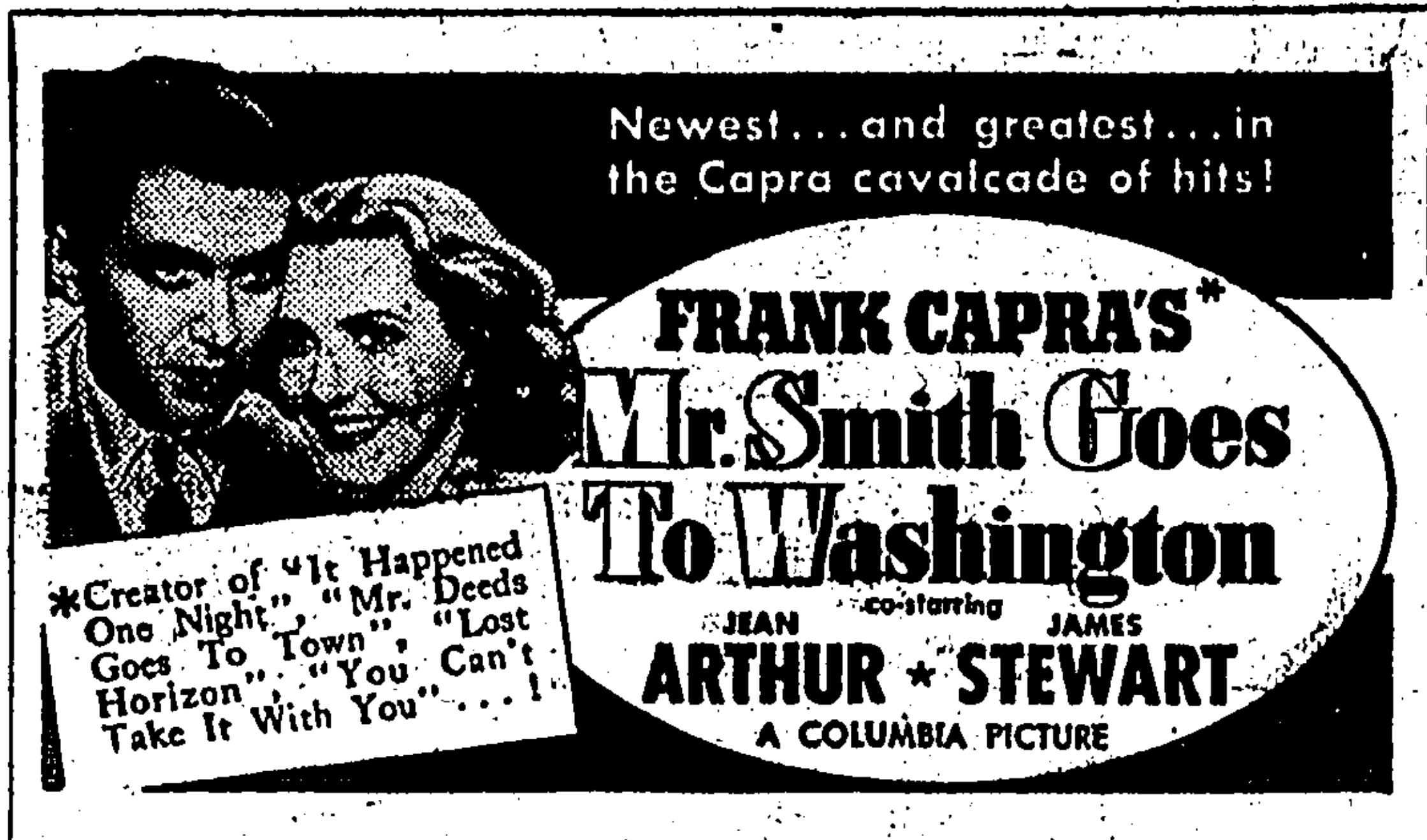
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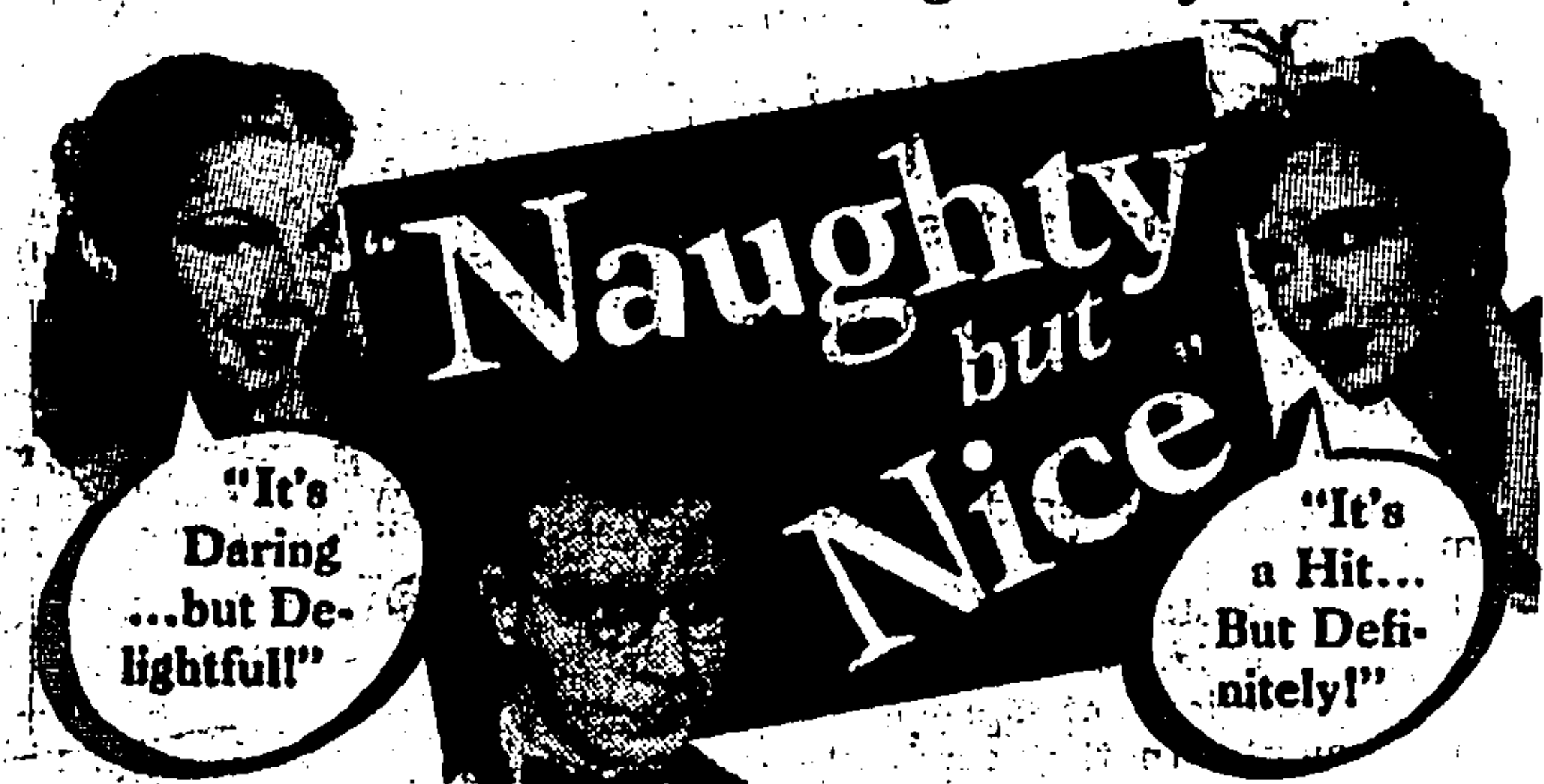
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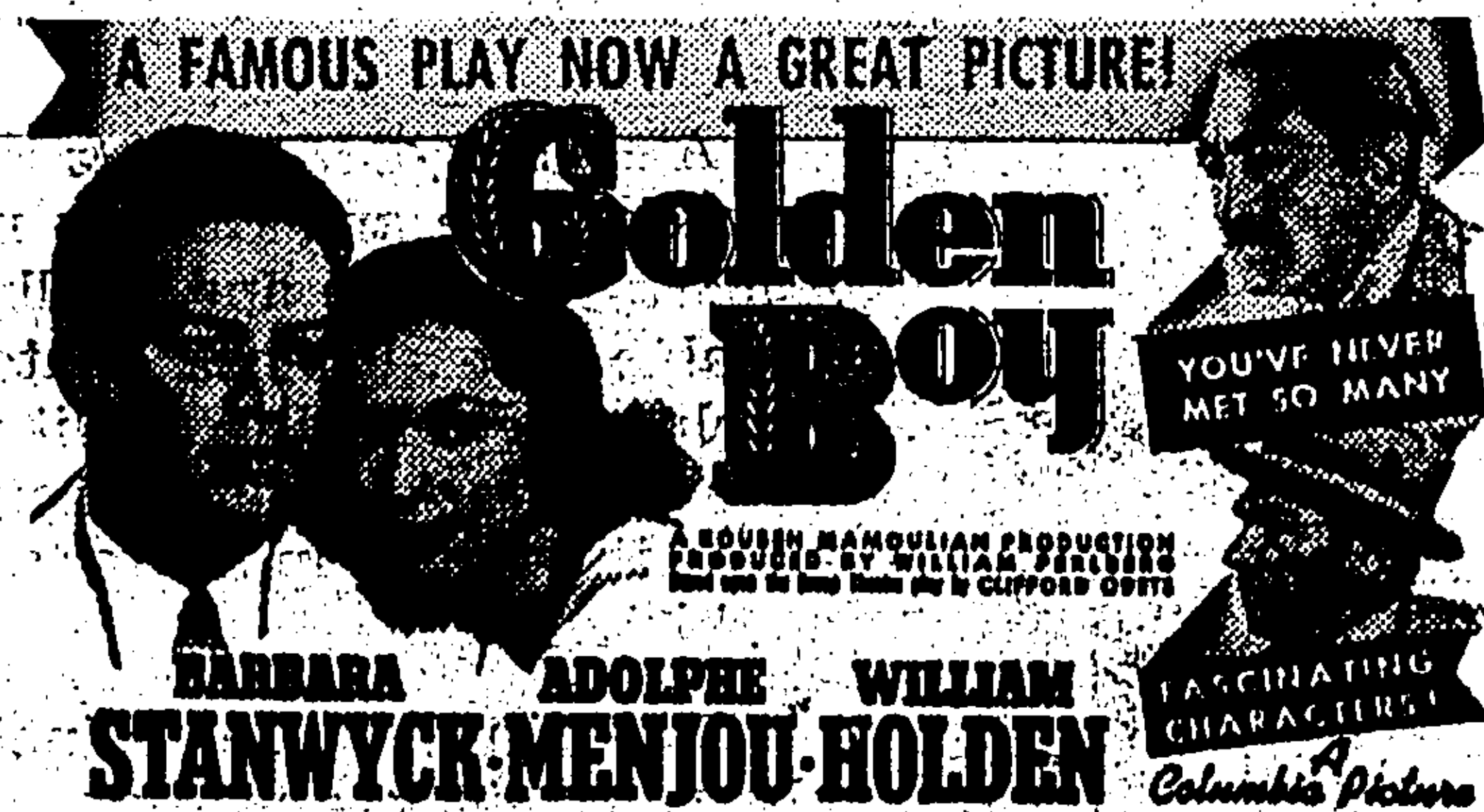
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REMARKABLE OUTBURST BY DR. FRITZ THYSSSEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

ONE OF THE MOST VIOLENT denunciation of the Nazi regime was published in Buenos Aires yesterday under the signature of Dr. Fritz Thyssen, once the most powerful German industrial magnate who was alleged to have contributed a big sum for the success of the Nazi Party in the early 'thirties and whose fortune, amounting to 200,000,000 marks was confiscated last month by a German Home Ministry decree.

"All the German Nazi leaders themselves are convinced that the new war is the crime of an idiot as no country was threatening Germany," declared Dr. Thyssen in an interview with the Argentinische Tageblatt.

"There is not a word of truth in Hitler's statements regarding British perfidy or Soviet friendship.
"Hitler is a mental invalid who apparently forgets that for years he has compared the Soviet country to the sinful city of Sodom.
"German patriots hate Hitler, his regime and the Soviet alliance.
"They want a federative Germany along Switzerland's lines and European disarmament without vengeance or victories in the process.

ALREADY LOST

"We know that Poland and Czechoslovakia are oppressed but not vanquished, that the German Army is corrupt and already the war is lost by the Reich which lacks raw materials."

Dr. Thyssen concluded by advocating a union of workers and industrialists for saving Germany from Hitler's yoke and thus preventing the complete destruction of the German State.—Havas.

Government Medical Headquarters are to be transferred to the National City Bank Building on the 28th March. The telephone No. will be 31128.

STAFF TALK IN TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.

According to a dispatch from Ankara, talks are taking place at Aleppo between Gen. Assim Gunduz, Vice-Chief of the Turkish General Staff and Allied military chiefs relating to the co-ordinating of Turkish, British and French forces and their co-operation within the stipulations of the Tripartite Pact.

The talks are regarded as a prolongation of earlier conferences at Ankara among the commanding officers.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM DESPITE HOLIDAY

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was firm on Thursday despite pre-holiday influences which restricted activity.

There were small gains in several sections of the list. The new War Loan closed at one-eighth discount. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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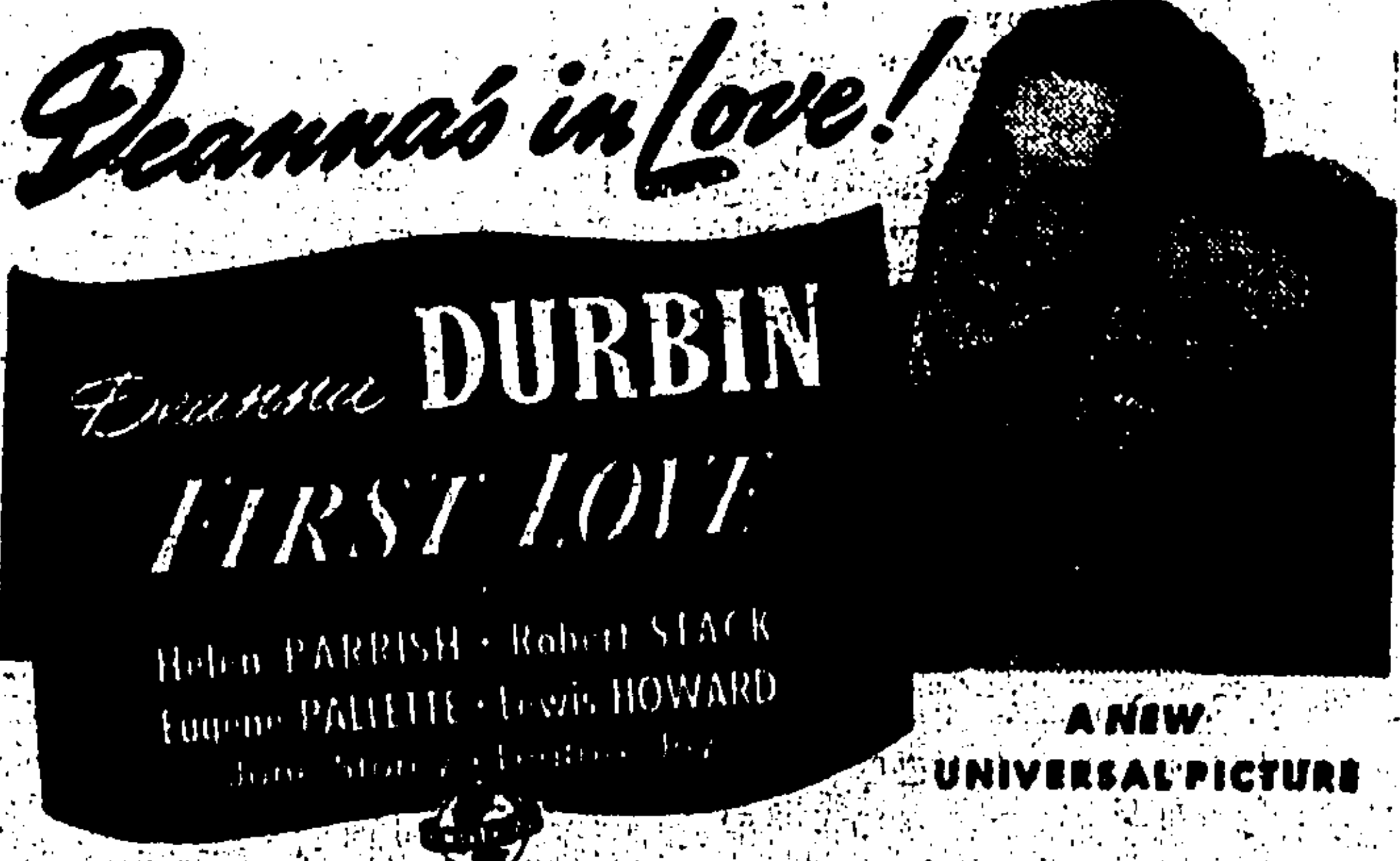
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INNER WAR CABINET FOR FRANCE: FULL LIST OF MINISTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE NEW FRENCH CABINET WAS FORMED AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS PRESIDENT ALBERT LEBRUN GRANTED AN AUDIENCE TO THE NEW PREMIER, M. PAUL REYNAUD, WHO INTRODUCED HIS COLLEAGUES.

The Cabinet, which includes, 15 Deputies and six Senators, represents all parties from the Rightist Centre to the Socialists, and is thus assured of a comfortable majority in Parliament.

An Inner War Cabinet and an inter-Ministerial Economic Council are new features in the Reynaud Government. It will meet at least three times a week.

BRITAIN WANTS MORE BABIES, SAY NAZIS

Hamburg radio's "explanation" why the American film, "The Birth of a Baby," is being shown in England:

"The low birth rate in England and France is causing the rulers great anxiety."

"The film is being shown to encourage mothers to give birth to more children."

SHANGHAI TAXI STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

A taxi strike threatened in Shanghai yesterday as chauffeurs employed by the city's leading hire car companies on Thursday night presented demands to their employers for increased wages.

They requested a reply not later than yesterday afternoon. If a favourable reply was not forthcoming the chauffeurs would declare a general strike, thus paralysing the taxis at the time of the Easter holidays.—Havas.

LESS THAN 2,000 INTERNED

London, To-day.

The number of enemy aliens interned in the United Kingdom, including those removed from ships, is 1,959, stated Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, at Commons question time.

Sir John said latest figures showed that some 72,000 German and Austrian refugees had registered with the police.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT CANNON

London, To-day.

German planes have no advantage over British aircraft by possessing cannon guns, declared Capt. Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, in a speech at Margate.

Not only were British cannon guns in full swing of production but our fighters equipped with them had already contributed to the destruction of some enemy machines.—Reuter.

The War Cabinet comprises the Premier (M. Reynaud), the Vice-Premier (M. Chautemps), the Ministry of National Defence (M. Daladier), Navy (M. Campinchi), Air M. Laurent Eynac) and Armaments (M. Raol Dautry).

The inter-Ministerial Economic Council comprises all Ministers dealing with economic problems, and will meet weekly under the chairmanship of the Premier.

Premier and Foreign Affairs — Paul Reynaud.

Vice-Premier—Camille Chautemps. National Defence and War—Edouard Daladier.

Navy—Cesar Campinchi.

Air—Laurent Eynac.

Blockade—Georges Monnet.

Finance—Charles Lamoureux.

Colonies—Georges Mandel.

Justice—Albert Serol.

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Merchant Marine—Alphonse Rio.

Home Affairs—Henry Roy.

Public Works—Anatole de Monzie.

Trade and Industry—Louis Rollin.

—Havas.

GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENED
Reuter adds that the new Cabinet, which was to meet the Chamber of Deputies yesterday (Friday), is regarded as a definite strengthening of the Government.

Only the extreme Right is excluded. This is important since the Government now commands a more solid parliamentary backing than any of its predecessors.

After the official Cabinet list was published M. Reynaud issued the following statement:—

"My Ministry is composed of as many members as Clemenceau's Great War Cabinet, but there are two important differences.

"Firstly, there is a war committee composed of the Premier, Vice-Premier, the Ministers of the National Defence, Departments and the Ministers for Colonies and Finance. The war committee will meet at least three times a week.

"Secondly, there is an inter-Ministerial economic committee which will meet once a week. This committee includes the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and the Ministers of Economic Departments."

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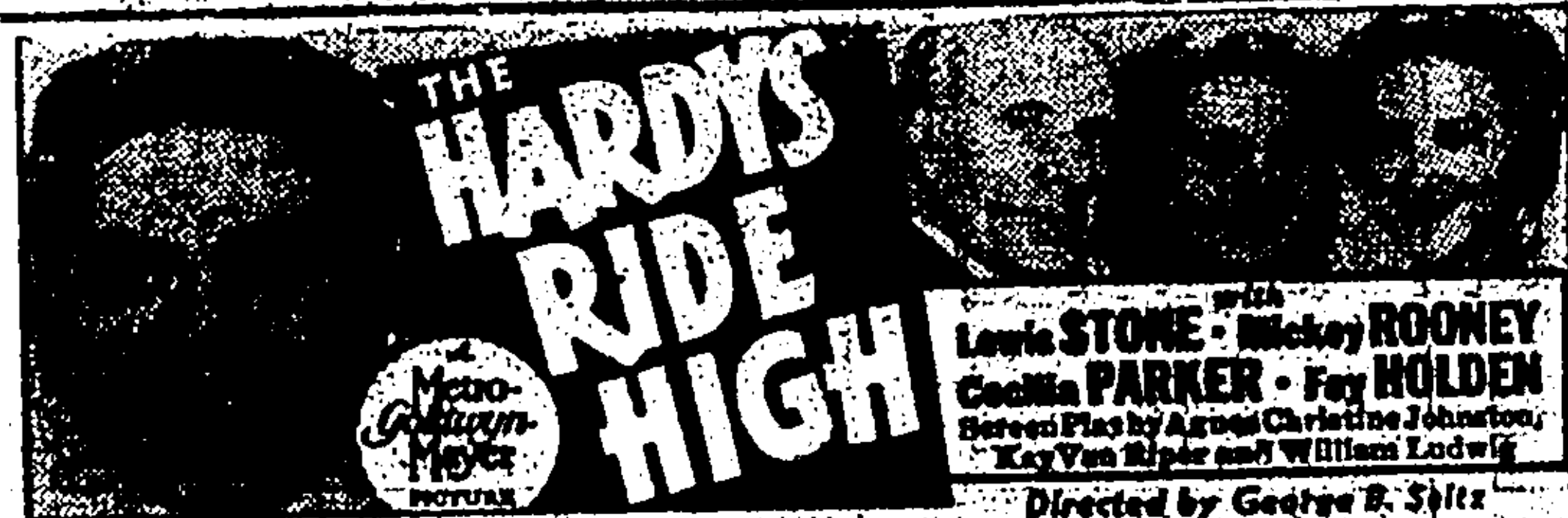
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Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in

"THE FLYING DEUCES"

Shanghai, To-day.

A Russian resident of Manila who arrived in Shanghai some time ago is reported to have returned to the Philippines to take up the matter privately with the Philippines Government.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a textured surface, possibly a book cover or endpaper. The image is dominated by a dark, irregular shape on the right side, which appears to be a shadow or a piece of tape. The left side shows a lighter, more textured area with a diagonal crease or fold. The overall image is grainy and has a high level of contrast, with very few mid-tones.

An example of how the Nazis are carrying on can well be judged by this remarkable picture taken from a German plane over the North Sea. A defenceless trawler, peacefully fishing in the sea, is sighted by a German raider, who dives down to attack. Note the machine-gun, out of focus. (Copyright, Fox).

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London, To-day.

The latest is the Danish ship Christiansborg, of about 2,000 tons. The other Danish vessels were the Charkow, 1,200 tons, Algier, 1,600 tons, Minsk, 1,200 tons, Viking, 386 tons and Bothal, 2,109 tons.

The Norwegian ship, the Svinta, of 1,267 tons, was damaged in an air attack on a convoy and was later torpedoed when no longer in convoy.

All except the Charkow were torpedoed without warning by U-boats, their crews being left to their fate. Some 40 Danish seamen lost their lives. —Reuter.

BRITISH VESSELS NOW ALMOST IMMUNE

London, To-day.

Since British merchantships have been armed, the number of even partially successful attacks by the Nazis has fallen considerably, and the Nazi aeroplanes and submarines have been devoting their chief attention to unarmed neutral ships and small fishing boats.

It is significant that not one of the seven ships sunk in the past two days were in convoy.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Four men are believed to have been killed in an explosion yesterday at a metal engineering works at Charlton.

It is understood the men were carrying out acetylene welding on a retort. The explosion blew the retort high in the air and two men were blown up with it.—**Reuter.**

TOOK THE SHINE OFF

A cross the strip of No-Man's-Land on the Western Front, where French and German troops were watching each other cat and mouse fashion, a French captain was studying the enemy position through his night glasses, writes a war correspondent.

"Mon Dieu," he said, "I believe they are getting ready over there to flash a searchlight on this position. I never heard of such impertinence. Give me a rifle."

The captain lay down on the bank of the observation post with his rifle snuggled against his cheek.

In a few seconds the searchlight's beam turned slowly and deliberately on to his position.

But before the beam uncovered any information, the captain's rifle cracked. There was a splutter of arc lights, a hail of sparks and the sound of breaking glass.

The captain, unfortunately for the Germans, is one of France's champion rifle shots.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT CLASH WITH HEINKELS

London, To-day.

AN ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCEMENT issued at 7.22 p.m. states that three naval aircraft forming part of a convoy's escort on Wednesday encountered 10 Heinkel bombers who immediately started unloading their bombs while climbing to the shelter of the clouds.

The leading British machine followed, firing until its ammunition was expended.

Later several enemy aircraft re-appeared and endeavoured to press home their attack on the convoy, but one naval machine, piloted by a Petty Officer, drove off four enemy machines.

Later three other Naval aircraft saw an enemy aircraft machine-gunning a merchantship, where-upon one British machine, climbing

unobserved, attacked the raider from only 50 yards distance, firing short bursts with good effect until oil poured from the German machine, covering the British machine's windscreen.

The German machine was last seen climbing slowly with the under-carriage hanging down.

The announcement adds there seems no doubt this was the machine the German High Command referred to as having failed to return.—*Reuter.*

BUSINESSLIKE JOB OF RETALIATION

New York, To-day.
Great prominence is given in the newspapers to the R.A.F. raid on Sylt.

The "New York Times" says it seems to have been a thorough businesslike job of retaliation for the German attack on Scapa Flow.

The paper adds it is a tribute to their fighting prowess that only one from the 30 or more raiding planes failed to return.—Reuter.

SCAPA FLOW "RAID" IN NEW LIGHT

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Dagens Nyheter" considers that so much publicity was given to the Nazi raid on Scapa Flow that it might have been carried out for propaganda alone, and ironically quotes German reports that three warships were damaged, columns of fire were seen, and so forth.

The impression on reading the bellicose outpourings of the German press is that Germany really wants peace but plays a role in case the Allies refuse the terms.

"The same impression is gained from the unrestrained Nazi threats of Britain's imminent downfall, when not even British shipping has suffered noticeable loss.

"Hitler tried to reach President Roosevelt through the Pope and Mr. Sumner Welles, but Mr. Roosevelt forestalled him with his speech on Saturday demanding the security of the small nations, and liberation from oppression and force of arms.

"That is Pres. Roosevelt's programme and also England's and France's."—Reuter.

GENERAL WAVELL RETURNING

Pretoria, To-day.

General Wavell, commanding British troops in the Near East, has left by air on his return to Egypt and Palestine.

General Wavell has been visiting British territories in Africa in connection with defence matters.—Reuter.

NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OFF SOUTH-EAST COAST

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that an enemy aircraft appeared over the Shetlands on Thursday afternoon. The warning was sounded and the all clear given 15 minutes later.

The plane flew high and no bombs were dropped.

R.A.F. PILOTS TELL OF NEW MYSTERY A.A. GUN AT SYLT

London, To-day.

REPORTS FROM THE pilots engaged in recent operations indicate that the defence of Sylt against attacks from the air was left almost entirely to German searchlight units and anti-aircraft batteries, and this has led to much comment, writes Reuter's military correspondent. WHERE WERE THE GERMAN FIGHTERS? WHY WAS NO ATTEMPT MADE TO INTERCEPT THE BRITISH BOMBERS BEFORE THEIR ARRIVAL OR ON THE WAY BACK?

The answer to these questions is probably that the raid was made at night.

Hitherto all German raids on the British coast have been carried out in daylight when R.A.F. machines are able to see them and intercept them at high speed.

On the other hand, British raids, including the leaflet reconnaissances over Germany, hitherto have been made at night.

The problem of the efficiency of the German fighters therefore is still to be solved.

New Type Of Gun

Meanwhile, details of a new German light anti-aircraft invention were given by a pilot officer who participated in the Sylt raid.

"We found the Germans have a new gun," he said, "with which they fired all the time we were over Sylt.

"The things that come up are not flaming onions. They come up in a burst like a big clip of ammunition.

"About a dozen reddish balls spread out slowly at first and then shoot up at incredible speed. The sight was so pretty it was hard to think they might be lethal."—Reuter.

BULGARIA'S POLICY

Sofia, To-day.

Bulgaria's determination to preserve her independence and neutrality in the European war was stressed by the Foreign Minister speaking in Parliament.

He added: "Our attitude in approved, not only by our neighbours, but by all the great Powers and the belligerents on both sides."—Reuter.

Havas quotes the Foreign Minister as saying that Bulgaria would take up arms to enforce her just claims.

DANISH SURVIVORS LANDED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

NINE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE DANISH STEAMER MINSK, SUNK OFF THE NORTH-EAST COAST OF SCOTLAND ON TUESDAY NIGHT, WERE LANDED AT A SCOTTISH PORT BY A BRITISH WARSHIP WHICH PICKED THEM UP AFTER THEY HAD BEEN IN A SMALL BOAT 36 HOURS.

Five survivors were taken to hospital, and 11 members of the crew are missing.

The Minsk is believed to have been sunk by a U-boat. An explosion occurred and the ship sank in about three minutes.—Reuter.

SWEDEN CALLING MEN FOR TRAINING

Stockholm, To-day.

Ten thousand Swedish conscripts who did not do military training before the outbreak of war will be called to the colours in the Summer.—Reuter.

FIGHTING NEAR PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

It is understood there has been constant fighting in the hills west of Mentoukou during the past week, accompanied by heavy aerial bombing.

There has also been fighting at Toli and Liuliho, west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, to which it is reported Japanese reinforcements have had to be rushed from Paoting-fu in order to free a Japanese detachment that had been surrounded.

Japanese casualties are reported to be considerable in the Mentoukou area.

The Japanese are reported to have been raiding villages and commandeering all able-bodied men for transport work.—Reuter.

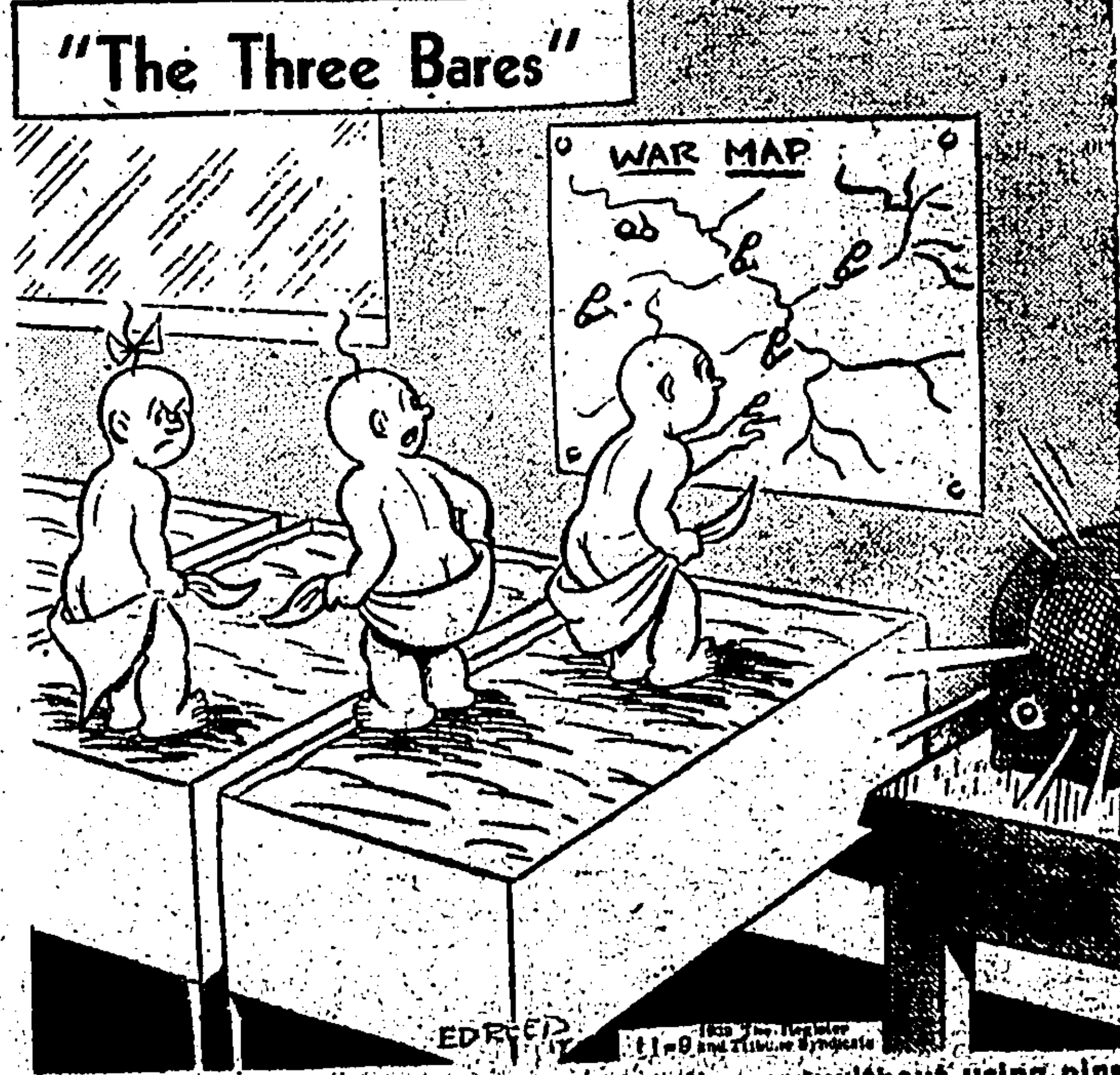
MR. WELLES THANKS ITALY

Rome, To-day.

On leaving Italy, Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, sent a telegram to Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, requesting him to transmit to the King his deep appreciation for the audience granted him and expressing profound gratitude for the cordial and friendly welcome of the Italian Government.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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M. Reynaud Runs Into Sharp Opposition

RIGHT OBJECTS TO SOCIALIST INCLUSION

Paris, To-day..

THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT under M. Paul Reynaud, Finance Minister in the Daladier Cabinet, has already met considerable opposition in the Chamber of Deputies.

Yesterday, when the new Cabinet met Parliament for the first time, a debate ensued and a vote of confidence in the Government was passed by 268 votes to 156. Abstentions numbered 110. M. Reynaud still occupied the Government bench after the vote.

Despite the severe setback received as a result of the vote it was believed in the lobbies that the Government would remain in office. This was confirmed later in a declaration by the Government that they would remain.

After the first flush of enthusiasm on Thursday at the speedy formation of the new government on a wider parliamentary basis, rumblings of discontent were heard in political circles yesterday.

Many Radicals were dissatisfied with the changes, while the Right Wing was furious at the inclusion of the Socialists, who alone were really pleased.

According to "Le Temps," M. Grandmaison, Under-Secretary for the Navy, told his parliamentary group (the Republican Federation) in the morning that he had tendered his resignation. He attended the Cabinet meeting, however.

M. Grandmaison is affiliated to M. Louis Marin, in the extreme Right Wing group, which has throughout refused to support the Reynaud Cabinet.

MARIN ADAMANT

M. Marin, who leads the chief Conservative group and controls about 60 votes, announced that his party would vote unanimously against the Government.

M. Callmand (Radical-Socialist deputy) bitterly criticised the Reynaud

Government, saying "France has been awaiting a war cabinet but is offered a dose of medicine instead."

He said he feared that "Daladier has been the object of revenge on the part of the Socialist party, whose errors he had redressed."

It was noted that at this stage of the debate M. Daladier himself was absent from the Chamber.

POLICY ANNOUNCED

The policy of the new Government was expounded in a ministerial declaration read in the Chamber and Senate, as follows: "To arouse, muster and direct all the strength of France to fight and win and crush treason wheresoever it comes."

The declaration continued: "A powerful, organised and determined enemy is transforming all human activities into means of warfare."

"Helped by the Soviet the treachery of the enemy is carrying the struggle into every sphere and is coordinating its blows with a genius for destruction."

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NO COMFORT FOR DER FUEHRER

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" states: "There will be no comfort for Hitler in the sight of M. Reynaud in power in France, and there can be none if M. Daladier returns to office at the head of a stronger war cabinet.—Reuter."

valour of our people, the labour of our workers and peasants, the strength of our armies, the ardour of our soldiers and the courage of their commanders.

"We only have in fact to think of the eternal genius of France."

SCENE IN CHAMBER

When M. Reynaud sat down after reading the declaration in the Chamber he was applauded although without marked warmth by the Centre and Left. The Right vigorously applauded the reference to Soviet treachery but otherwise remained unmoved.

M. Reynaud asked for an immediate discussion of two Radical-Socialist interpellations and general policy.

REPLY TO DEBATE

In reply to the debate in the Chamber, M. Reynaud said: "The security of the nation formerly depended on its army. To-day it depends on the entire nation."

"Mistakes were made in the last war which we shall not repeat."

"M. Daladier proved his ability to be economical in human lives. (Applause). What we owe to the nation is to develop the most modern weapons of war."

"Regarding foreign policy I can confine myself to the declaration made in the secret session by M. Daladier."

CRIME OF PREJUDICE

"It would be a crime in wartime to allow prejudices against individuals to come into play. Anything we may have thought or said in the past no longer counts. (This was an allusion to the Right Wing objection to the inclusion of a Socialist member, M. Monnet, in the Cabinet)."

"Our only principle in foreign policy is to reply to friendship with friendship to enmity with enmity."

"We shall not neglect any effort to make the workmen understand that, if we are fighting Communism it is not because of its extreme Left Wing doctrine but because of the organisation of crime. The Communists have worked against the country; we shall crush them."

M. Reynaud added: "Liberty represents France's most precious heritage. We are with Britain in the camp of freedom, and we desire other nations to adhere to the Franco-British aim."

"The Franco-British agreement does not obliterate our sense of Latin solidarity."

DALADIER'S SUPPORT

M. Reynaud revealed that he told M. Daladier he could not hope for a government without M. Daladier's support, which was then given.

He answered criticism of the inclusion of Socialists in the Cabinet by paying tribute to the patriotism of members of the Socialist party and asserting it was necessary to obtain the collaboration of all, especially the largest party in the Chamber, in order to solve the problems of the war.

As for the argument that there were too many Ministers, he said when Ministers were overburdened it was subordinate officials who govern.

SHOCK FOR THE EXPERTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on the new Cabinet many newspapers express the hope that M. Reynaud will become a new Clemenceau.

Typical of the comment is "Le Matin" which says: "M. Reynaud's political past fully justifies his reputation and the way in which he solved the crisis shows his rapidity of decision."

Most papers, including the Socialist "Populaire," express the conviction that the new Government will secure an overwhelming majority in Parliament. — Havas.

PRESS APPROVAL

Paris, To-day.

Interesting feature of the new French Government is the fact, that it includes three Socialists.

The French Ministry of Information is headed by a journalist. (M. Frosard).

There is general approval in the French press at the rapid way the change in Government was effected. "Reynaud is the right man for the job," the consensus is.

The French press believes that the Reynaud Government will carry on France's war effort with new vigour and energy.—Reuter.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Paris, To-day.

While there is nothing but praise for the way in which M. Reynaud formed his Cabinet in just over 40 hours, the press offers his Government a rather reserved reception.

General tendency is to suspend judgment pending the Cabinet's appearance before Parliament.

It is agreed that M. Reynaud is the right man for the more active policy demanded by both Houses but there is anxiety that the new Cabinet is a little unwieldy. Everyone is glad M. Daladier is back.—Reuter.

Concluding his speech before the vote was taken, M. Reynaud said: "Our foreign policy tends to create a new union of free peoples."

"The problem of moral strength is as important as that of material strength."

"We must reveal to France that the Government will fill the role of 'animator' if the Chamber permits."

DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL

M. Reynaud concluded: "It is our will to make war which will enable us with the least possible delay to obtain the only possible lasting peace."

"By the vote you are about to cast you are taking a heavy responsibility in regard to foreign countries."

"This war puts Democracy on trial with set jaws, for we have the will to win and the certitude of victory."

The speech was greeted with loud applause from the Left.

SOCIALIST ATTITUDE

M. Leon Blum said the Socialist party joined the Government without any preliminary arrangement. Socialist co-operation was given in a disinterested and loyal spirit in order to provide the country with all means at its disposition to obtain a just and lasting peace in the shortest possible time and with the least possible sacrifices.—Reuter.



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FIRST ENGINEER TAKEN AS A PRISONER

London, To-day.

THE GERMAN SHIP HEDDERNHEIM now lies at the bottom of the sea, having been sunk by a British submarine which, unlike Nazi U-boats, made sure the ship's crew were safe before sinking the vessel.

An Admiralty statement says that the ship, a vessel of nearly 5,000 tons, was intercepted 8 miles off the Danish coast. It is learned that the crew have safely landed in Denmark.

They took to their lifeboats after the submarine warned them to abandon ship. The First Engineer is reported to have been taken prisoner by the British submarine.

Earlier messages from Copenhagen give further details. The ship was torpedoed in the Kattegat itself, off

the east coast of Jutland. The exact position is given as 8 miles from the Danish port of Frederikshaven (which should not be confused with the German port of Friederickshaven). It is situated on the northernmost tip of Denmark.

This is the first British naval action reported in these waters. It is also the first recorded instance of a British submarine sinking a German merchantman.

THE "RECORD"

There have been two reasons for the latter "record." In the first place, most German merchantmen have been driven from the seas; in the second, the Royal Navy adheres to the rules of sea warfare.

British submarines have not been inactive, however, for it will be recalled that last September the submarine Salmon torpedoed a destroyer and a cruiser in the, closely-guarded waters of the Heligoland Bight, and then sank a U-boat on the way out.

It will be recalled that this was shortly after the submarine sighted the Bremen, which she let go free because she observed the rules and refused to sink the merchantman without warning.

To return to the Heddernheim. Her crew had only 8 miles to row and were given fair warning to abandon ship. — Reuter.

*** A motor-vessel of 4,907 tons, the Heddernheim (ex Fredericus Rex, ex Stad Delft) was built in 1921 at Danzig. Registered at Bremen, she was owned by the Unterweser Reed A. G.

Given 15 Minutes To Leave Ship

Copenhagen, To-day.

The crew of the German steamer Heddernheim have left for Germany, except for the engineer, who was taken on board the British submarine which sank the vessel.

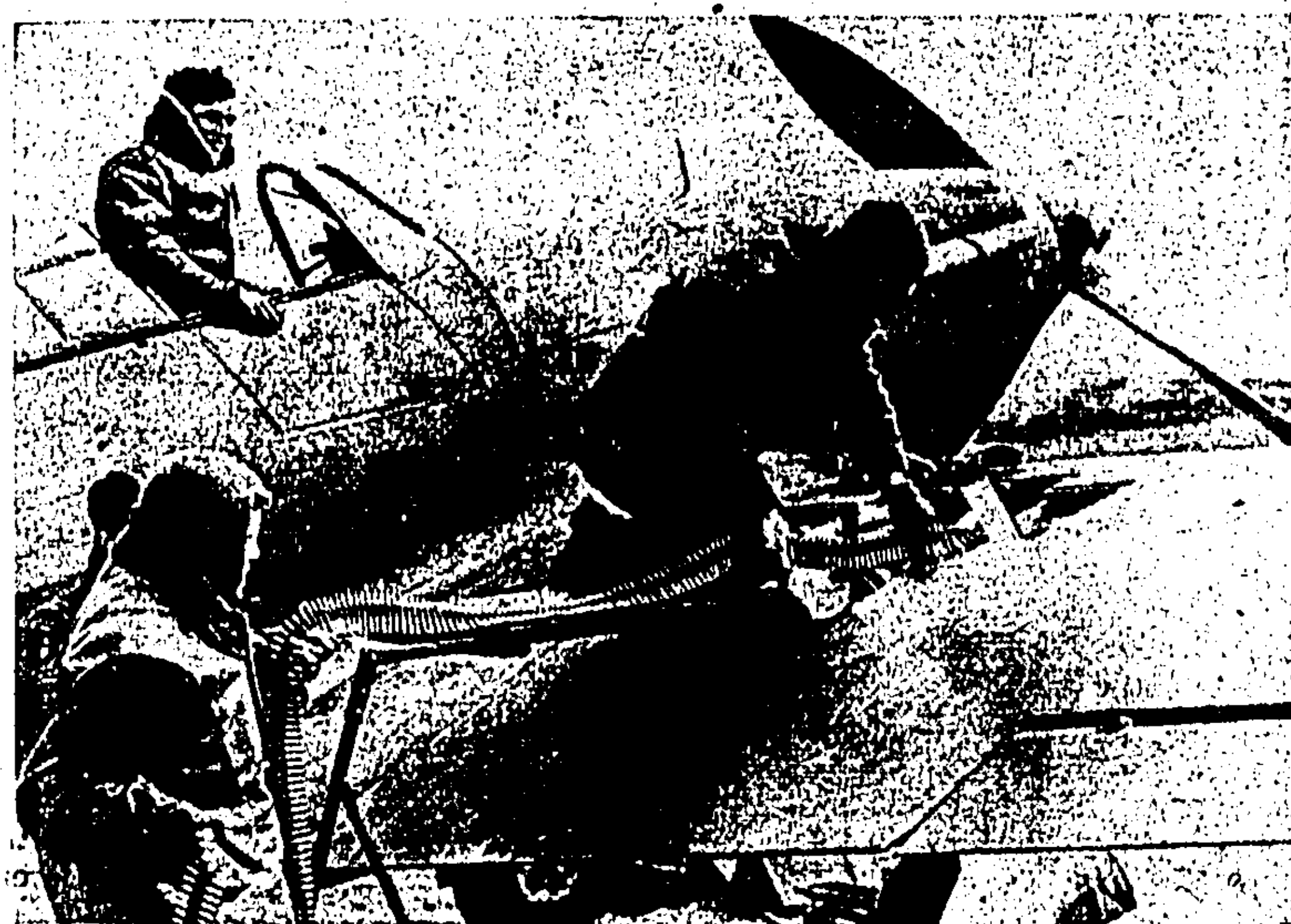
It is stated that the British submarine met the Heddernheim at 11.15 p.m. on Thursday and gave the crew 15 minutes to leave the ship.

The crew state the British commander asked for the captain but the crew said he was dead.

The First Engineer was then taken on board the submarine. Shortly afterwards the captain, dressed as an ordinary sailor, left the vessel with the remainder of the crew.

They took to two lifeboats and were later picked up by a pilot boat from Skage.

In London, it is stated that the Admiralty that no further details of the sinking of the vessel are likely to be available until the submarine returns to her base. — Reuter.



Loading a "Hurricane"—a cold job for the ground staff at a fighter station in France. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICA WELCOMES REYNAUD

New York, To-day.

The American Press, generally, welcomes the new Reynaud Government.

The "New York Times" says:—"There is nothing half-hearted about Paul Reynaud. It should encourage the Allies and their friends everywhere to see such a man at the helm in France to-day."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" makes a striking comparison between the democracies and the dictatorships. Long before the war broke out, it

says, the Nazi machine was worked up to an absolute maximum of bellicosity and this has left them with no room for change — except retreat.

The democratic administrations, on the other hand, having done all they could for appeasement, have been left no room save in the direction of a sterner resolve to hold their ground and see things through.

"It was true then. It is true now," concludes the paper. — Reuter.

TONIC TO ALLIED CAUSE

New York, To-day.

The press approves the way in which the change in the French Government was accomplished.

The "New York Times" says France has changed her leadership in a manner that reaffirms French Democracy and gives a tonic to the Allied cause.

The "Herald-Tribune" says there is nothing in all this of either defeatism or disunion. — Reuter.

LONDON WELCOME TO M. REYNAUD

London, To-day.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that authoritative quarters in London give whole-hearted support to the new French Cabinet, which it is considered, has emerged with increased strength from the crisis which led M. Daladier to resign.

It is pointed out that M. Daladier will have more time to devote to the Ministry of National Defence, where his popularity with the Army and his inflexible resolution best qualify him to serve, while M. Reynaud brings to the Premiership a reputation for the drive which he exercised with astonishing success in the thankless and arduous task at the Ministry of Finance.

GERMAN WRATH

The measure of his qualifications, it is stated in London, is the wrathful reception given in Germany to his appointment.

Since M. Reynaud is notoriously pro-British it is not expected that Germany will revive previous efforts to drive a wedge between the Allies.

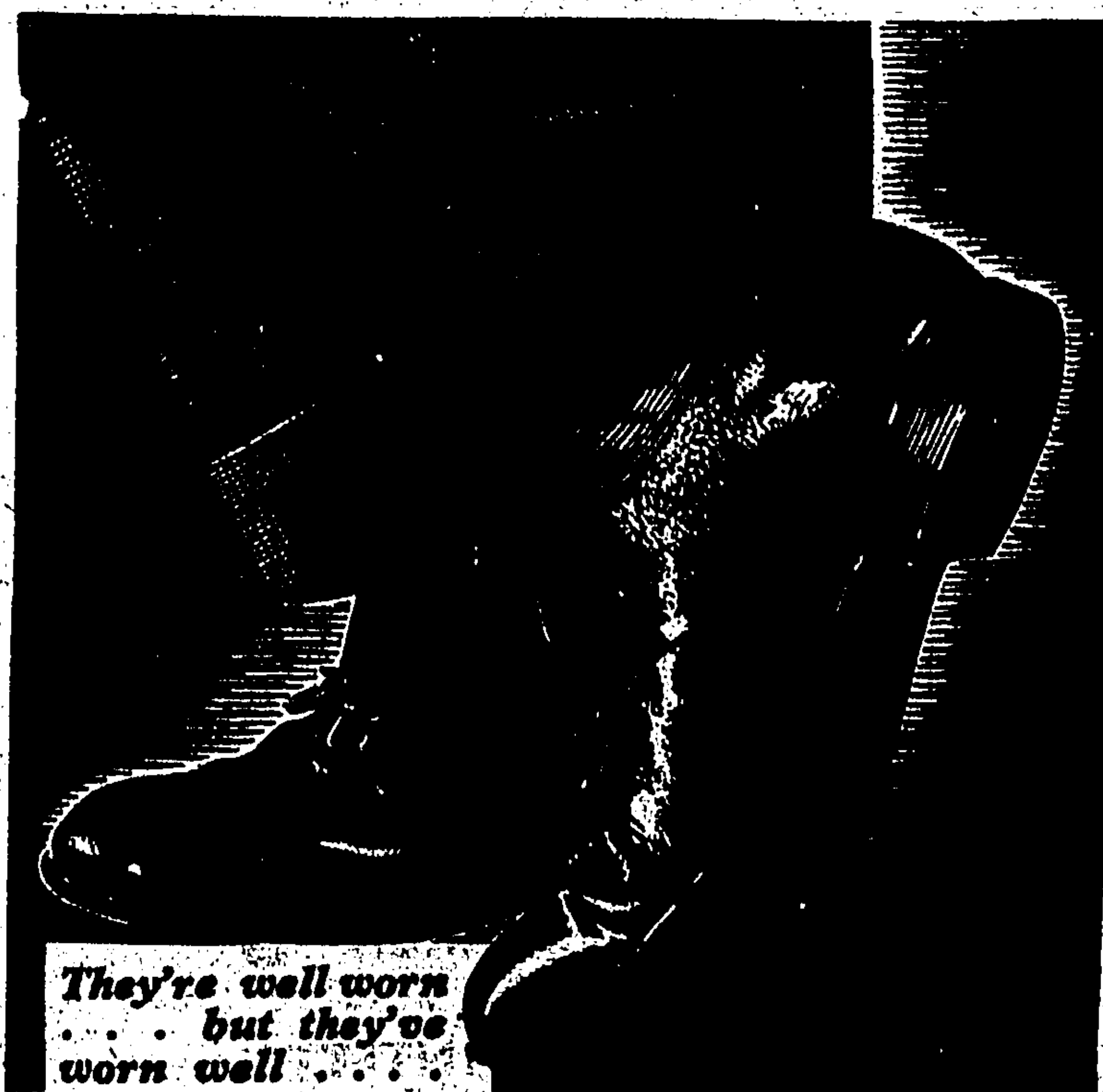
The rest of the Cabinet, which is even more widely based than that of M. Daladier, inspires confidence and the conviction that France, like Britain, is concentrating on the single aim of winning the war. — Reuter.

FINNISH NOTE TO THE LEAGUE

Geneva, To-day.

M. Holsti, Finnish delegate to the League of Nations, has handed a note to the League Secretariat, thanking them for the help given to Finland.

The note expresses the hope that the League would continue its help during the difficult period of reconstruction in Finland. — Reuter.



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WILL THERE BE CABINET CHANGES?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT DISPERSED FOR THE EASTER VACATION (WHICH LASTS UNTIL APRIL 2) IN BETTER HEART THAN HAS BEEN APPARENT FOR SOME TIME, SAYS REUTER'S PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

The inactivity of a large part of the fighting forces has been no less easy to tolerate at Westminster than in other parts of the country, and the conclusion of the Finnish-Russian peace gave momentary scope for criticism of the Cabinet's war policy.

This criticism has been near the surface for many weeks, with the result that the familiar forecast of imminent Cabinet changes has reappeared.

HITLER'S NEW POISON GAS

Hitler's new poison gas will be powerless against the present civilian respirator. Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, said this in the House of Commons in reply to Rear-Admiral Beamish, who asked whether he had any statement to make regarding the dangers to the civil population of the possible use of a new war gas by the enemy.

Sir John said he assumed the gas which Admiral Beamish had in mind was arsenurated hydrogen, the properties and limitations of which had long been well known to all competent chemists.

Sir John added: "The present civilian respirator gives protection against this gas, and, as at present advised, I do not consider any further measures are necessary."

In the Commons on Wednesday the Government had a good day from the parliamentary point of view.

The vigour of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was followed by news of the attack on Sylt and by the firm note in the speeches of the War Minister, the Air Minister and Mr. Churchill.

Criticism made little progress in the debate and has since receded further.

The question remains whether Cabinet changes, expected for some time past, are probable during the Easter vacation.

Premier's Secrets

It is possible, for Mr. Chamberlain keeps his secrets, but there is no evidence of immediate changes, and informed opinion takes the view they will not come just yet.

If, when the changes come they include a smaller War Cabinet, with Mr. Churchill as Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, many critics will be well satisfied.—Reuter.

WANG MADE ACTING PRESIDENT

Tokyo, To-day.

The composition of the new Japanese sponsored central government of China was decided upon and issued after the session of the so-called central political council at Nanking.

Wang Ching-wei was appointed acting president.—Reuter.

O.K. TO KISS A SOLDIER—BISHOP

The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Guy Warman) sees nothing wrong in a girl kissing a soldier, no more than kissing a civilian.

"I don't think it is any different from kissing a policeman, or even a parson," he said at a Bury (Lancs) meeting.

"When we look around us in normal times," he said, "and see in the parks, outside garden gates, and by lamp-posts, young folk saying good-night, we smile with a certain amount of tolerance, because most of us did the same thing ourselves once."

"We were not ashamed of it then and we are not ashamed of it now."

"Many people think it is quite possible for a girl and a boy in civilian dress to enjoy a normal friendship, but as soon as the boy dresses in uniform then they think there is something wrong."

"I don't think so," said the Bishop.

SIXTY GERMANS LANDED IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Sixty officers and men of a German vessel were landed at a Scottish port yesterday from an armed merchant cruiser and put on board a special train en route for internment camp.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

GERMANY'S WAR ON NEUTRALS

At the outbreak of war official German assurances were given to the Scandinavian Governments of Germany's determination to recognise the rights of neutrals to maintain normal trade relations with belligerents. Now that undertaking, already violated again and again, is frankly thrown over. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" asserts that neutrals who trade with a belligerent are virtually supporting that country, and declares that from now on neutral ships in the coastal waters of an enemy country are to be treated as enemies and are liable to be sunk by mines or torpedoed and bombed without warning. It makes the fantastic suggestion that shipping in these waters may be compared with a private carriage driven in front of the Maginot Line. It does not show by what geographical possibility vessels leaving Belgian, Dutch or Danish ports for the west can avoid approaching British waters; its threat is equivalent to an attempt to deprive North Sea neutrals of all foreign trade whatsoever. In effect no discrimination is made between neutrals trading with Britain and neutrals trading with other neutrals, as was shown once again last Saturday when the Holland Amerika-Line steamer 'Burgerdijk,' bound from America for Rotterdam with a cargo of grain, was stopped and instantly torpedoed by a German U-boat. The indignation of the neutrals is growing, and they are not entirely impotent, for Germany wants their goods.—"The Spectator."

COUNT CSAKY'S OUTBURST

Count Csaky's speech in the Hungarian Parliament seems to have caused almost as much surprise at home as it did abroad. The Hungarian Foreign Minister spoke as though he scented a terrible danger for his country in the Allied war aim of restoring freedom to the Czechs; and the prospect of Czechs and Poles getting on well together fills him with dismay. "It has been scarcely agreeable," he said, "to hear the news that meetings have taken place between Dr. Benes and General Sikorski", and that agreements have been reached whereby their nations are to keep in touch with one another to co-operate in all possible ways, and to give mutual assistance at the peace conference." To those who hope that European stability will emerge from the next peace conference it appears neither unnatural nor undesirable that two Slav peoples, both victims of the same aggressor, should now pool their resources and make plans to work in future in harmony—the lack of which in the past is partly responsible for their present distress. Moreover, it was not to be expected that the official representative of the Hungarian Government should re-echo at this moment the old taunt about the British and French "sending men from other races to the front line"—though the cry of the master voice used to be that it was the British who sent the French to the front line.

Still more unnecessary was it for the Count to warn the Western Powers against making "premature promises." He seems to have taken some exception to the recent exchanges of letters between the British Foreign Secretary

and Dr. Benes, in which the former President of Czechoslovakia notified the British Government of the constitution of the new Czechoslovak National Committee. Lord Halifax, in his carefully worded acknowledgment, recognised that the Committee "was qualified to represent the Czechoslovak peoples, and in particular to make arrangements concerning the Czechoslovak Army in France." Both he and Mr. Chamberlain have been prudently non-committal in regard to future territorial arrangements. The liberation of the Czechs and the Poles is of course a major object of the war for both Great Britain and France; but it can be and is interpreted only in such a way as does not impinge upon the independence of any other race, including the Hungarians. Count Csaky may be thinking, a little uneasily perhaps of the Slovaks who were somewhat unceremoniously annexed by his Government when they had been authorised to extend their frontiers to include the Magyars of Czechoslovakia. In any event his outburst can hardly improve his case when it comes to be considered by the two Western democracies, who have every intention of winning the present war.—"The Times."

BRITAIN AND JAPAN

For more than two years Japan has been waging a ruthless aggressive war in China. In an attempt to subdue the Chinese Central Government she has poured out blood and treasure with a lavish hand. She has occupied vast areas of territory. Yet a military decision is as far away as ever. The prophets who warned that she was biting off more than she could ever digest are proved right.

In such circumstances it is not surprising that signs of war weariness both in the Japanese army and among politicians and people at home should be increasing. Peace with China would be popular. But it is easier to start a war than to stop it.

The growing Japanese desire for an ending of the "China incident" cannot

NOTHING LESS

Nothing can suffice in Britain but that total organisation, in the strict and absolute sense of the word, which Germany already possesses but which we have still to attain. With total organisation we require more concentrated direction. Nothing can supply it but a more compact inner Cabinet. Its members, with the single exception of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose inclusion is indispensable for constitutional and practical reasons, should be free from pre-occupation with departmental routine.—J. L. Garvin.

be wholly dissociated from recent moves in Tokio aimed at improving relations between Japan and the Allies. A day or two ago the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman expressed the hope that talks would soon start with France, while hints have been thrown out that the services of the Allies might be of assistance in settling the

China war. The people of Britain would be glad to see the China war ended, and with it China's sufferings. What they are not prepared to do is to stage a Far Eastern "Munich" to condone Japan's aggression and to sell China in return for Japan's friendship.

While the effect of any such retreat would be bad enough in this country, it would be even worse in America. Nothing would do more harm to Anglo-American relations than the acceptance of Japan's claims and the betrayal of the Chinese people.

There is something to be said for Britain and France offering timely mediation between Tokio and Chungking in an effort to bring about a settlement of the China war—but only if Japan is ready to repair some of the grievous wrong she has done to China by making peace on terms which satisfy Chiang Kai-shek.—"News Chronicle."

BLOCKADE LEAKAGES ALLEGED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

ALLEGATIONS OF A serious leakage through the Allied blockade were made in the House of Commons by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) and Mr. Guy Boothby (Conservative) on the motion for adjournment.

Mr. Mander complained that agreements with neutrals were apparently made on the basis of re-export trade to Germany on the immediate pre-war scale, when Germany was building up reserves.

BRITISH TRADE PACT IN HOLLAND

London, To-day.

An Anglo-Dutch trade agreement was initiated on Thursday and deals with trade questions arising from war conditions.

A joint commission will be established to meet in London or The Hague to regulate matters arising in operation of the agreement.—Reuter.

IL DUCE AFFIRMS ALLIANCE WITH HITLER

Rome, To-day.

"The Brenner frontier will never again cause controversy between Italy and Germany," declared Signor Mussolini in a speech here to a delegation of German-speaking people from the Alto Adige (South Tyrol) who opted for Italian citizenship in the recent plebiscite.

The Duce said the Italo-German agreements were "a logical result of historic events such as the visit of the German Chancellor to Rome and the definite words spoken by him on the occasion of this memorable occurrence—words which were a further consecration of the Italo-German pact of alliance."—Reuter.

He cited European neutrals' import of cotton which had increased enormously since the war, and said that in January, Russia, through Vladivostok, had imported 200 tons of tin compared with nothing in the same period last year.

He understood the Germans were making hundreds of trucks available on that line for transporting material.

Mr. Mander also suggested something should be done about Swedish iron ore which was going to Germany through Norwegian waters.

NAZI-ITALIAN COOPERATION

He finally accused Norway and Sweden of breaking the Covenant in refusing British troops permission to cross their territory to Finland.

Mr. Boothby asserted there was too much material going to Germany through Trieste and Genoa.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to the debate, said the points raised were having serious attention.

The question of cotton especially was being actively attended to at the moment. Similarly with trade passing through Vladivostok.

APPROACH TO NEUTRALS

Regarding Norway's and Sweden's obligations under the Covenant, Mr. Butler recalled that the Scandinavian states at Geneva had made every reservation as far as the League resolution involved measures coming within the scope of Sanctions.

Replying to an interjection by Mr. Boothby, Mr. Butler said: "If we approach the neutrals and remind them of the years we have worked together at Geneva, I am sure that will be the most effective, especially if we do it in company."—Reuter.

PENSIONS FOR WOMEN AT SIXTY

London, To-day.

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IS MARCH HITLER'S LUCKY MONTH?

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The night before the armour of Mars in Caesar's palace had rattled in ominous warning: the armour of that same War God who was father to Romulus, builder of Rome, and whose name Romulus gave to the third month in the year.

Caesar, too, had ideas of world domination.

Certainly the record of Hitler's March achievements is impressive enough to justify superstition.

On March 1, 1935, just over two years after Hitler came to power, the Saar was returned to Germany, first of the territorial accretions by which the Greater Germany of Hitler has grown.

On March 16 that same year Hitler denounced the Armament Clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, by which Germany's military forces were limited, and announced German rearmament and the introduction of conscription.

On March 7, 1936, Hitler denounced the Locarno Treaty which guaranteed Germany and France against attack by either. As he was speaking, his troops were marching into the demilitarised Rhineland in defiance of what he had learned to call the Versailles diktat. Not many troops, for Hitler was mortally afraid of what might happen, and so were his generals.

But nothing did happen. Hitler was lucky.

Emboldened by his success, two days later he had Goering reveal the existence of the German Air Force, which had been building in secret for nearly two years.

Instantly the German propagandists went to work on it, ballyhooing its power and destructiveness until it became the nightmare of Europe, paralysing the minds and wills of statesmen when Hitler threatened to unleash it.

He waited two years before bringing off his next March coup.

On March 12, 1938, German troops poured into Austria, Goering's Air Force roared over Vienna, and within 24 hours, without firing a shot, Hitler was able to announce the annexation of Austria to the Reich, and to use for the first time the name Greater Germany.

And a year and three days later, on March 15, 1939, the troops moved, the planes roared again, this time into and over Prague, and in defiance of Hitler's every promise at Munich six months before, Czecho-Slovakia was wiped off the map.

Another Ides of March is little over a week away, and the armour of the War God is rattling again. Rumours are flying thick and fast about Europe that, March, is set for the great offensive which Hitler and the other German leaders have been threatening ever since war began. The German frontiers of Holland and Belgium will be closed. Behind those frontiers, behind the frontiers of Luxemburg and Switzerland, observers report feverish military preparation.

Just about this time 22 years ago

there was the same feverish military preparation going on behind the German lines in France.

On March 21, 1918, another great German offensive was launched, an enormous wave of men and tanks and guns that curled irresistibly over the French and British lines, that crested and broke on the Marne and then, like any wave, its force spent, washed backward and backward and backward until, eight months later, the

By
E.P. Montgomery

Allies were on the Rhine and Germany was beaten.

I wonder if Hitler remembers that?

Or if he remembers that it was on March 27, 1848, that the then King of Prussia proclaimed the German Empire under his leadership, the Empire which has become an obsession in the minds of the German people, an idea which has brought nothing but misery to them and to Europe for nearly a century since.

Or that on March 8, 1888, William II. was first entrusted with full powers as Emperor in regency for his ailing grandfather, that same William II. who also led Germany into war for the domination of Europe, who today patriarchally bearded instead of martially moustached, lives out his years in ignominious exile?

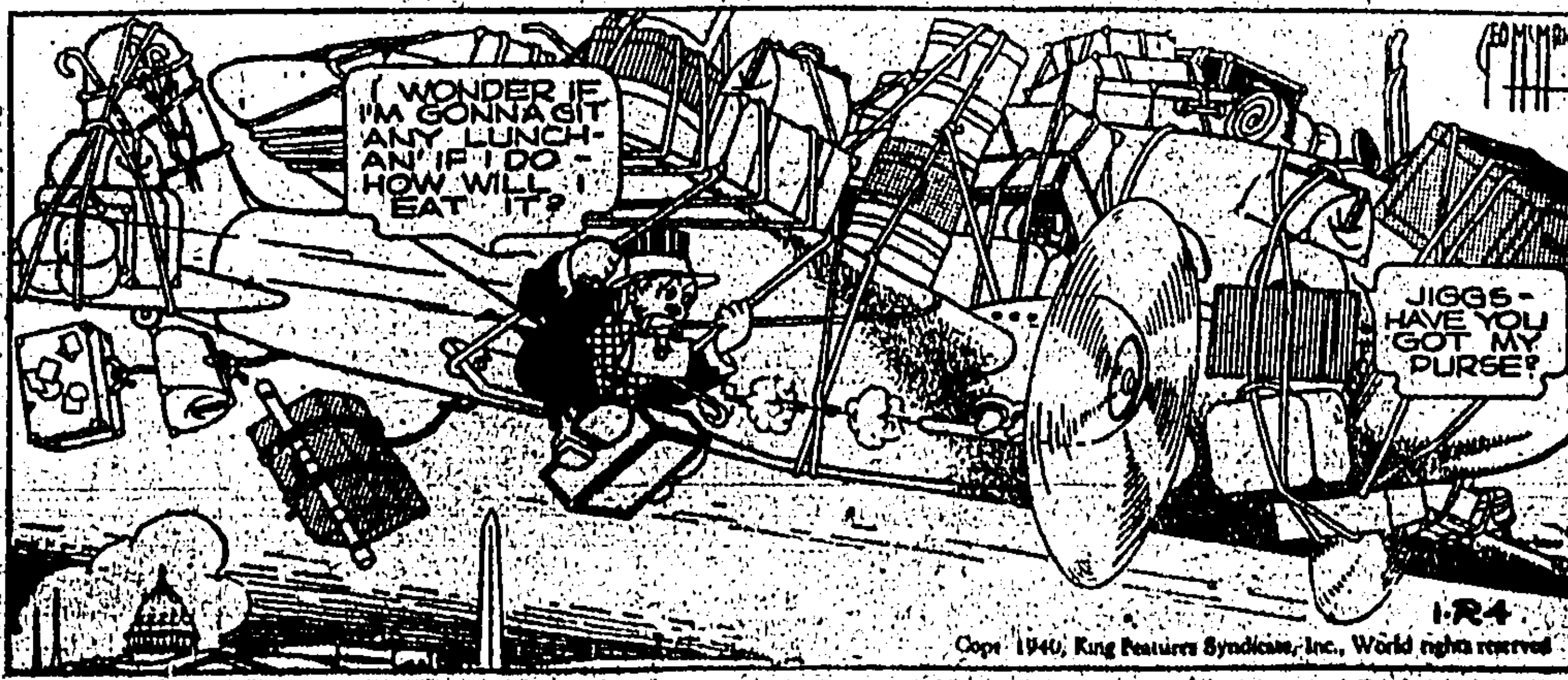
Or that on March 18, 1890, Bismarck was dismissed as Chancellor, and that sequence of events began which has brought Germany to Hitler and to war for the second time in half a century?

March may be a lucky month for Hitler. But is it a lucky month for Germany?



Jean Arthur and James Stewart, romantic co-stars of Frank Capra's "You Can't Take It With You," return to the screen of the King's Theatre in Columbia's "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." Newest Capra production, the romantic story of a home-spun youth suddenly appointed a United States Senator is said to be a stirring screen tribute to American democracy. Claude Rains, Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee, Thomas Mitchell and Beulah Bondi are others in the cast.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

CIVILIANS ORDERED TO EVACUATE SHUMCHUN

ALL CIVILIANS WERE ORDERED by the Chinese authorities, to evacuate the Shumchun area yesterday and some 2,000 refugees, mostly women and children crossed the border into the New Territories.

The San Uk Ling Refugee Camp which was closed three weeks ago was temporarily reopened to shelter the women and children from the cold and rain.

NO MORE MAILS VIA SIBERIA

Shanghai, To-day. The local Post Office has accepted a request from the British authorities in Shanghai to send local British mail destined for Europe by a route other than Siberia, unless specified by the senders.

Motive of the request is to avoid British letters falling into the German censors' hands. An official of the Post Office said that hereafter, unless mail is marked via Siberia, it will be sent to Europe via Suez or the Pacific.—Reuter.

AIR ACE WEDDING-DAY SECRET

Air ace Alex Henshaw, twenty-seven, holder of the England to the Cape and back flying record, has a secret.

It is the date of his marriage to the Countess de Chateaubrun, twenty-four, widow of his close friend, the Count de G. de Chateaubrun.

The Count, a Frenchman, was killed in an air crash in Paris eight months after his wedding in December, 1938. The Countess, before her marriage was Miss Barbara Wenman, a well-known British airwoman.

Notice of the marriage has been given at the Southampton Register Office by the Countess, who lives at Abberfield Meopham, Kent.

The wedding will take place at Westminster Cathedral.

"The date is a secret," Mr. Henshaw told a reporter.

NOW TEST PILOT

The ceremony cannot take place before the certificate for marriage will be due from the Southampton Register Office.

It was a year ago that Henshaw, then an almost unknown owner-pilot, set out from Gravesend on the flight that made him famous.

A few months ago Mr. Henshaw became a test pilot for Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, and he is now engaged in test flying Spitfire fighters.

ALLEGED FATAL BLOW

Alleged to have been the cause of the death of his brother, a Chinese of Yeung Shan Au Village, Salkung, was arrested by the Police yesterday.

It was alleged that the man used a chopper and fatally struck his brother in the course of an argument.

PUPPET GOVERNMENT TO DISSOLVE

Shanghai, To-day. It is reported here that the "Peiping Provisional" and the "Nanking Reformed" governments will be dissolved to-morrow.—Our Own Correspondent.

In the afternoon, when it was learned that the Japanese had withdrawn from Shatau to Namtau, the refugees returned to their homes.

An official message issued last night by the Magistrate of Namtau who is now in Shumchun states:

"At 8 a.m. on March 21, 300 puppet troops under a puppet commander, Ho Wei-ming, landed near Chekwan.

"At 9 a.m. they reached Namtau and owing to the small number of troops in the town, the Chinese forces withdrew towards Shumchun.

"At 2 a.m. on March 22, the Japanese struck out towards Shumchun but were halted by an armed force at Shatau and after a skirmish the puppet troops retreated to Namtau.

"Our troops are now positioned at different points along the Namtau Shumchun Highway."

Reports from the border this morning state that the puppet forces are still at Namtau, but rumours were flying about that they plan to strike out to Shumchun this morning. These reports could, however, not be confirmed at the time of going to press.

"ALL QUIET"

The Police Authorities told the "China Mail" 'all is quiet on the border.'

From other sources the "China Mail" learns that the "puppet" troops had withdrawn from Namtau and returned to their ships.

This could not be confirmed owing to the obscure situation in the Namtau area.

It is, however, reliably reported that all Shumchun officials have returned to their posts.

INSULT TO DUKE: FIGHT

An insult to the Duke of Windsor caused a fight between Britons and Germans in a night club in Bukarest, Rumania's capital—and the quick wits of a Rumanian dancing girl brought about the discomfiture of the Germans.

The English and Germans were at nearby tables and until the Nazis made loud and unfavourable remarks about the Duke the atmosphere, while strained, had been "correct."

As soon as the Germans' offensive remarks were heard, one of the Englishmen protested.

Within a minute there was a fight. Police arrived.

"Those Germans insulted our Rumanian royal family," cried the girl. She was, in a sense, right. The Duke of Windsor is King Carol's second cousin.

WHISKY AND CHAMPAGNE

The Englishmen were released and the Germans taken to gaol on a charge of "lese majeste" (offence against the sovereign power of the State).

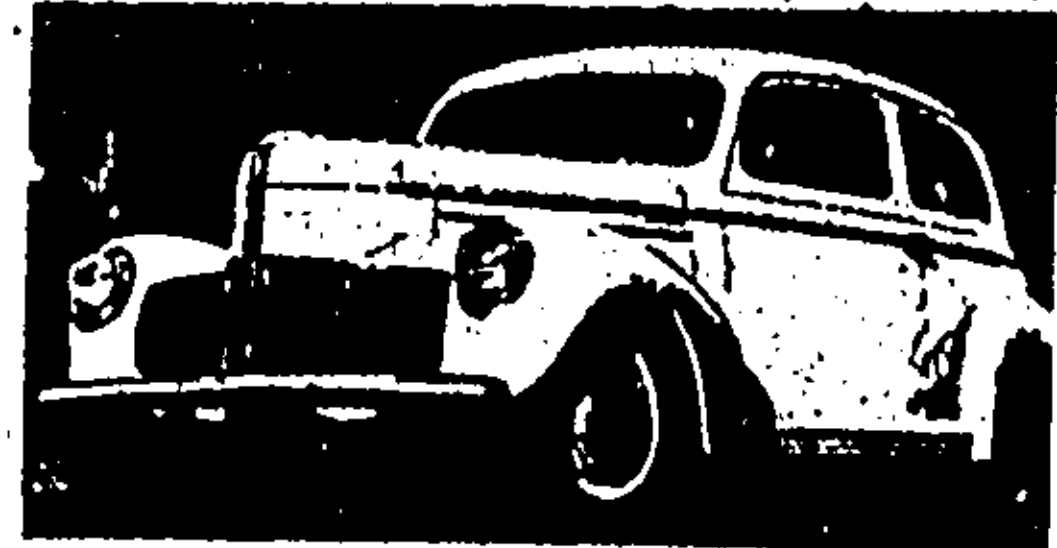
The charge was dropped later. Just now, Bukarest, "the Paris of the Balkans," is the gayest city in Europe. And it swarms with foreign diplomats, agents, spies and mystery men.

The Englishmen favour the bars and night clubs. There is plenty of Scotch whisky and Rumanian champagne. Caviar is almost unlimited.—Associated Press.

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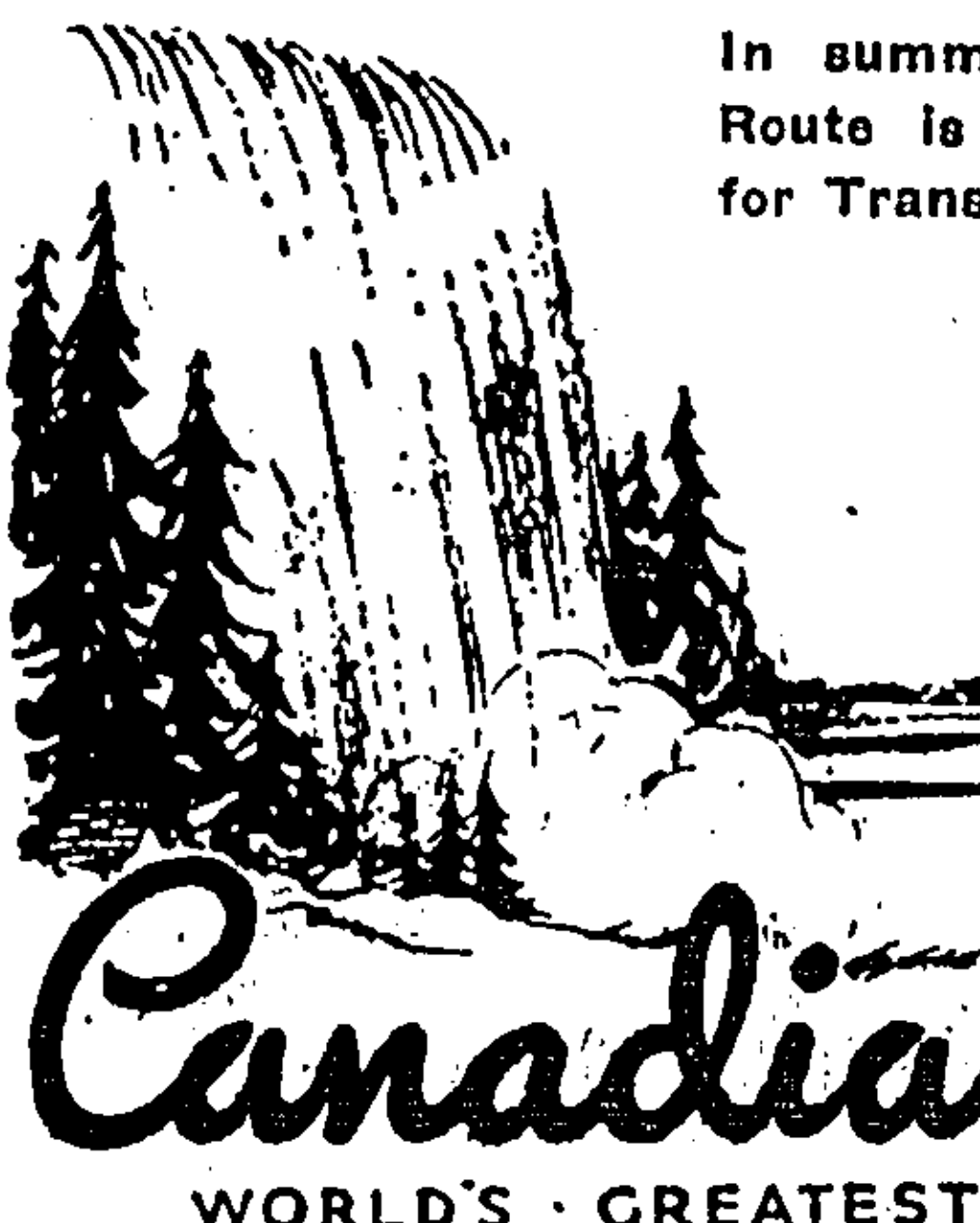
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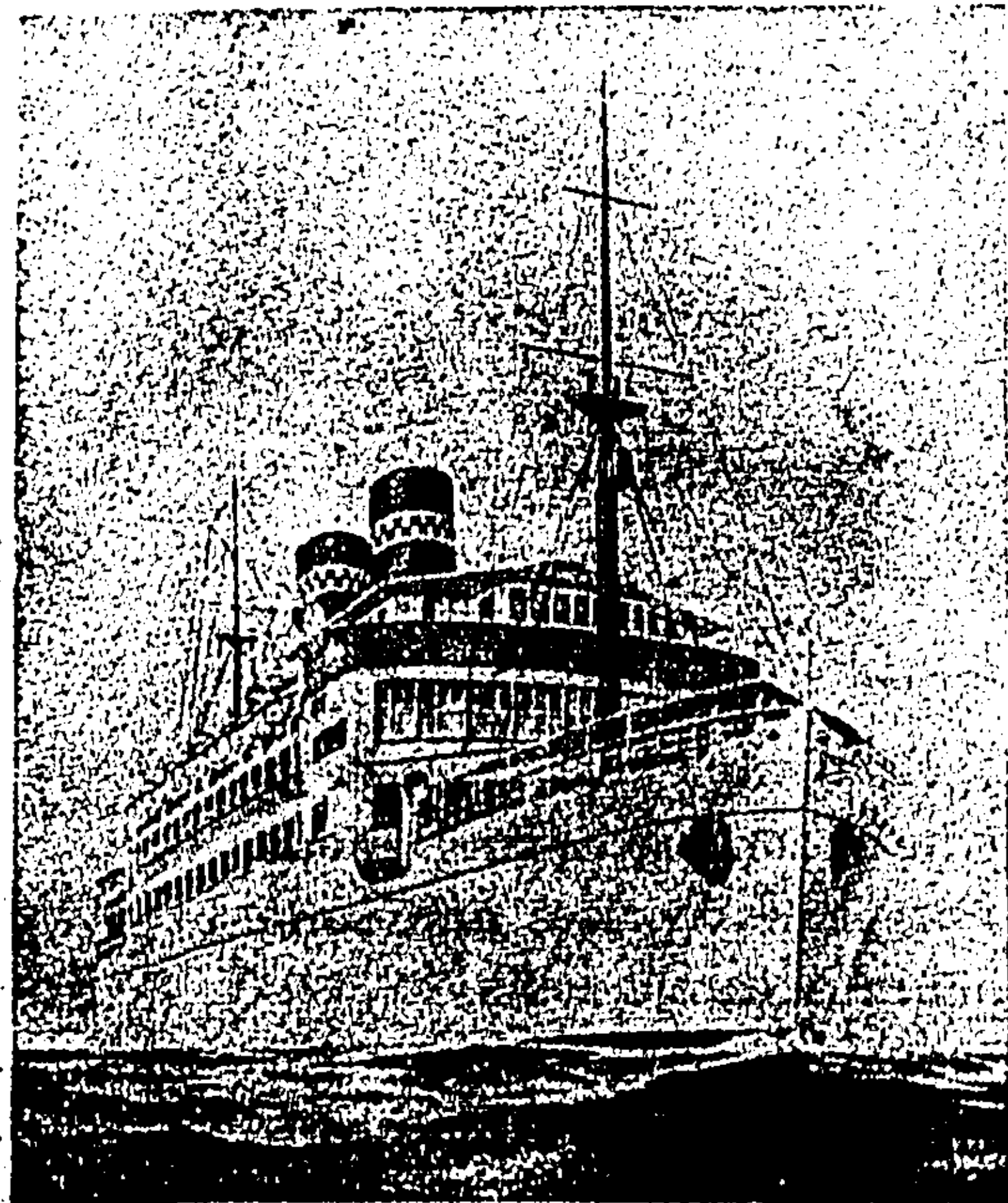
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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence each day at noon. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 23rd and 25th March. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 14th February)	March 23.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th March	March 23.
Japan and Shanghai	March 23.
Rabaul and Manila	March 23.
Straits	March 23.
Shanghai and Amoy	March 24.
Shanghai	March 24.
Canton	March 24.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March	March 25.
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SUNDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 30th March.	K.P.O.	
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	Ord.,	Mar. 24, 7.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Mar. 24, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Mar. 24, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Fort Bayard		Mar. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
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	Ord.,	Mar. 25, Noon.
Haiphong		Mar. 25, Noon.
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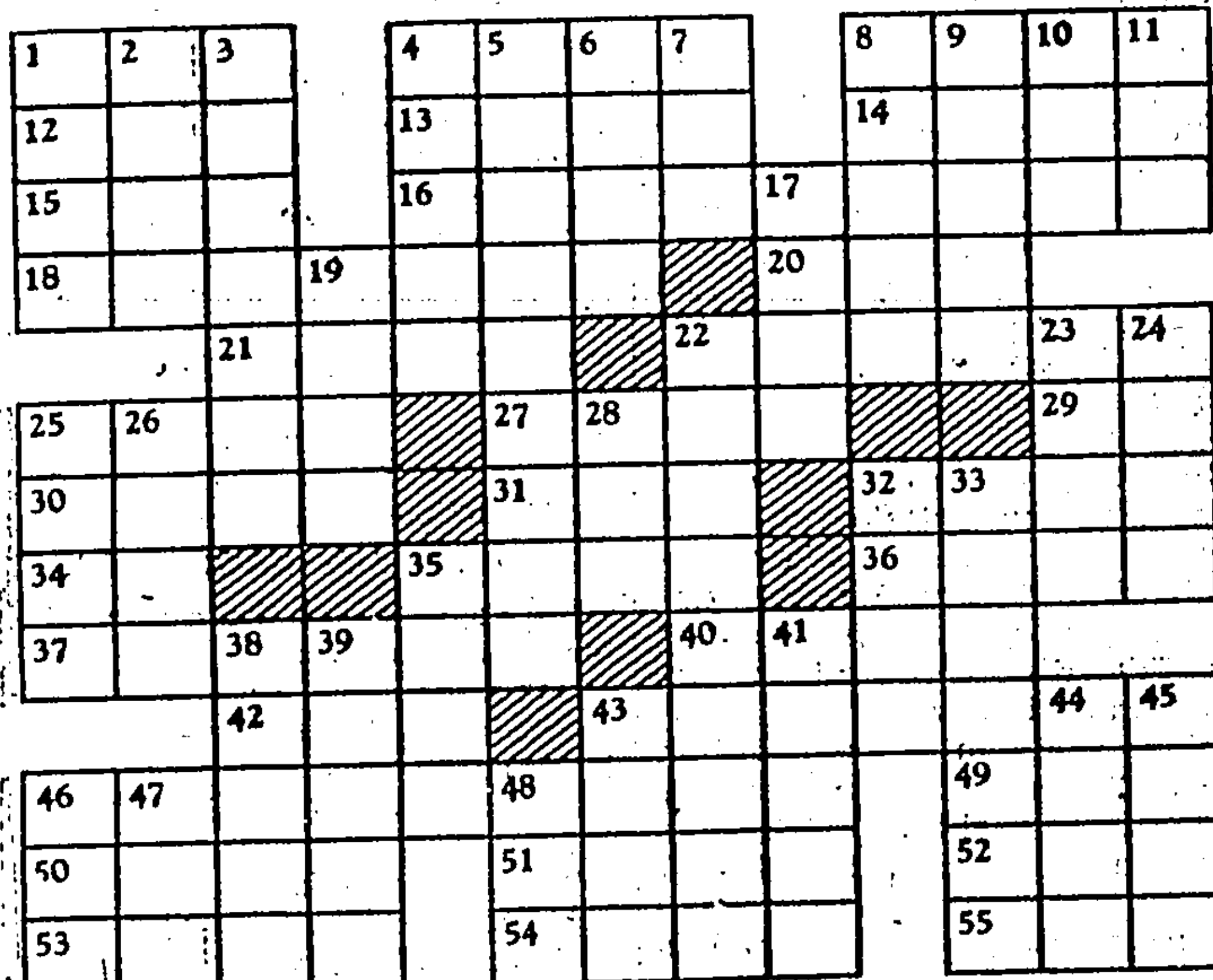
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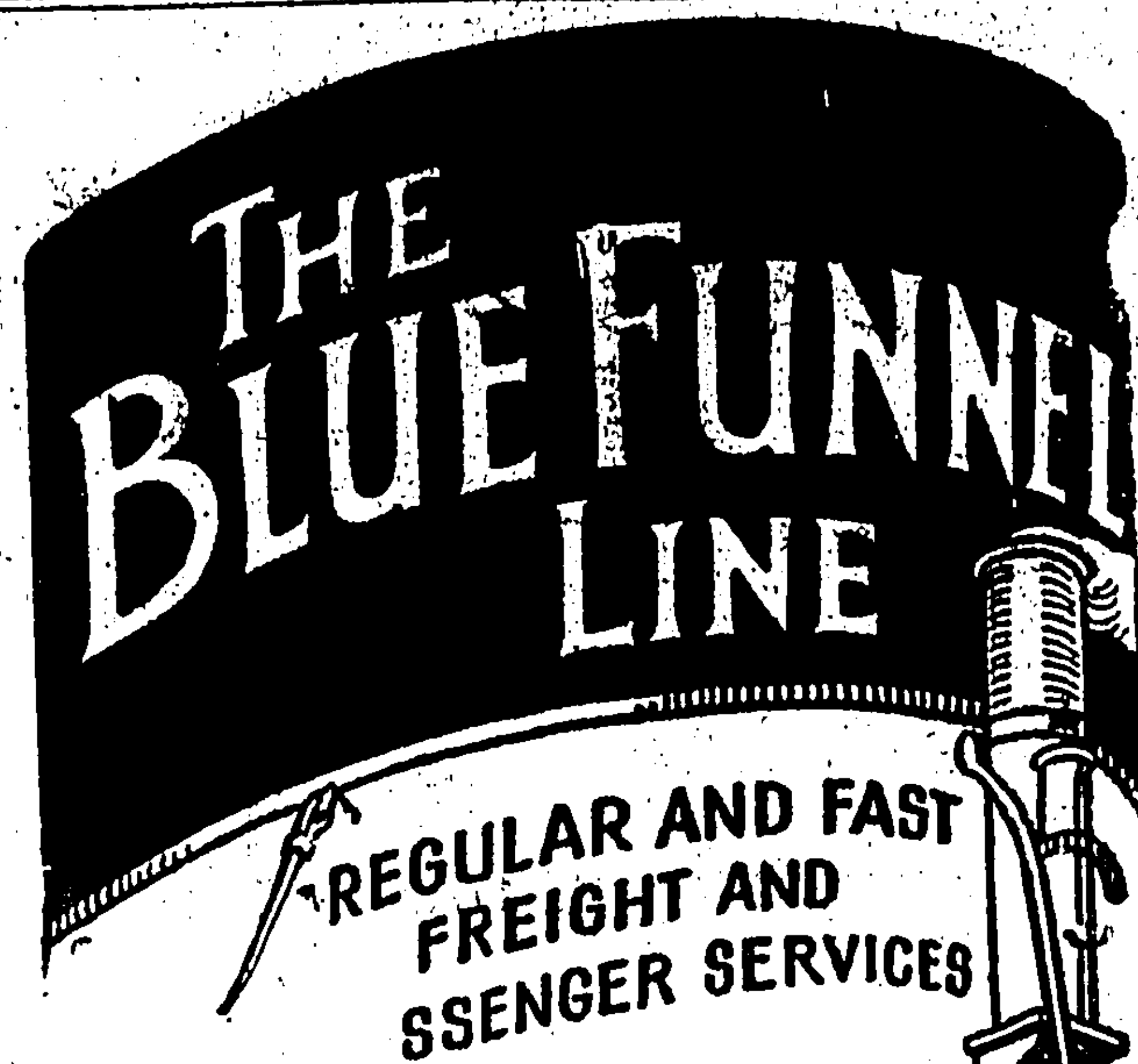
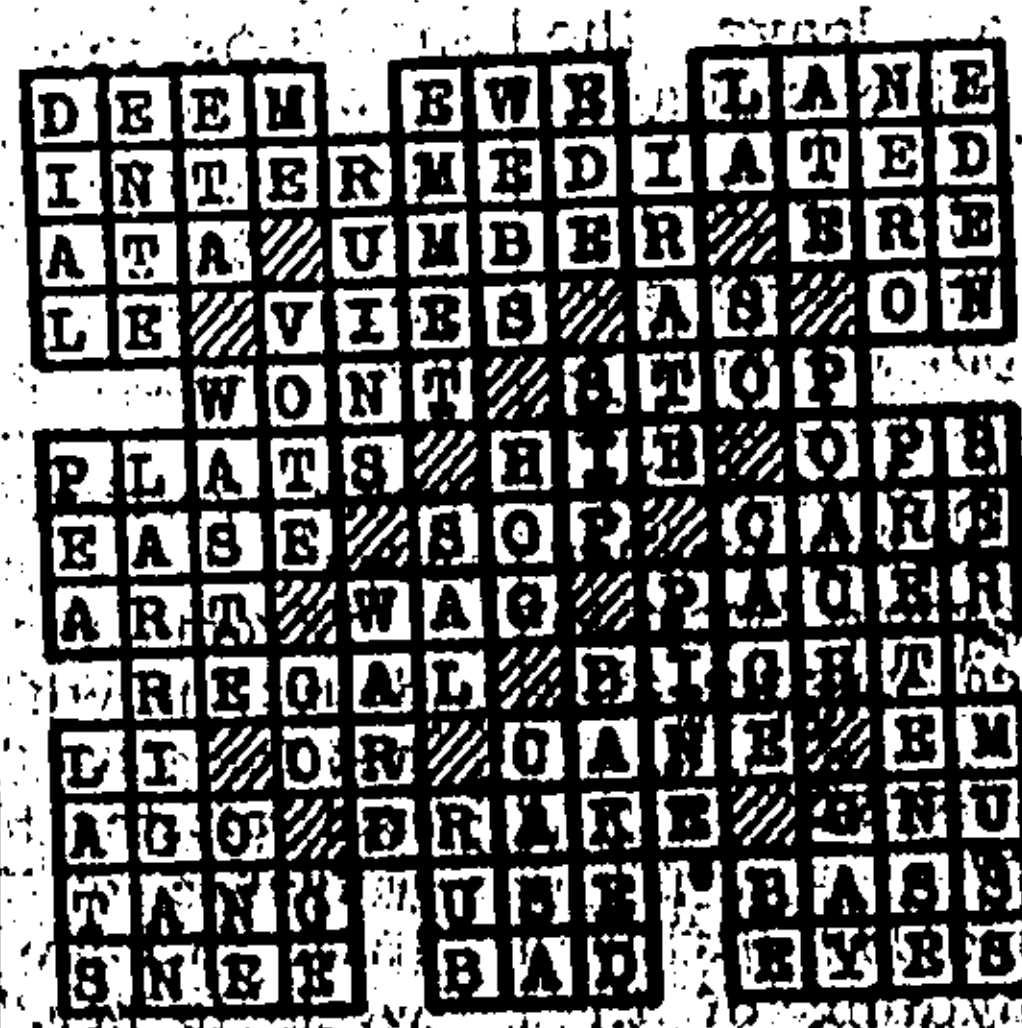
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- 20 Hawaiian wreath
- 21 Orient
- 22 Scamp
- 25 Poses
- 27 Smooth
- 29 Parent
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- 31 Outfit
- 32 Roll
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Bill of fare
- 36 Arrow poison
- 37 Wan
- 40 To disem-bark
- 42 To bring forth
- 43 Perils
- 46 To enter a country

- 49 To yield
- 50 North African
- 51 Solar disc
- 52 Reception
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VERTICAL

- 1 Stringed instrument
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- 28 French: "wine"
- 32 Fish
- 33 Cuts in
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- 46 To remain
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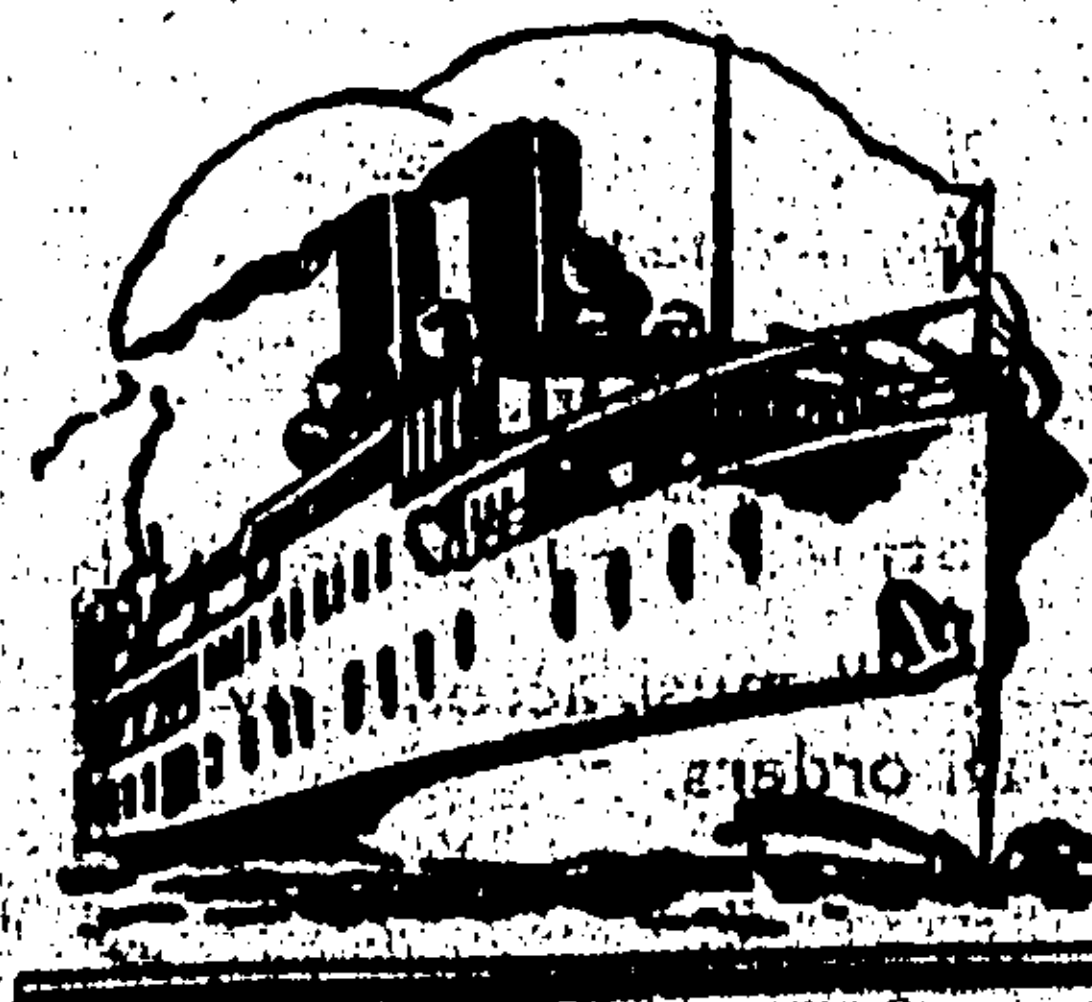
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Husband Took A Mistress

DOCTOR'S ORDER PLEA IN COURT

A wife who lived for several months in the same house with her husband and his mistress had her suit for the dissolution of the marriage dismissed in the Divorce Court.

It was stated that the husband informed her that a doctor had told him that he must have a mistress, take drugs or undergo an operation, and she believed his statement.

The Judge pointed out that, "far from leaving the house, on one occasion she sought out the house in which her husband and his mistress were to spend a week-end, rather than face solitude in her own house."

"A VERY STRANGE DOMESTIC LIFE"

She was Mrs. Emily Ada How, of Westbury-road, Ilford, and she sought a divorce on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Mr. James William How, with Mrs. Beatrice Edwards, who intervened in the suit. The case was contested.

Mr. and Mrs. How were married at Ely in August, 1915, and have one child, a son. They lived at Cauldwell-avenue, Ipswich.

Mr. Justice Henn Collins, giving judgment, said that the case was exceptional—at any rate he hoped it was—for it disclosed a very strange sort of domestic life. It was common ground that Mrs. Edwards was living with Mr. How as his mistress for several months, during which Mrs. How was a member of the household.

WEEK-END AWAY FROM HIS WIFE

The charge was not denied by Mr. How and Mrs. Edwards, but it was pleaded that Mrs. How connived at the adultery.

The question which the Court had to decide was not whether Mrs. How knew of that relationship and acquiesced in it but whether she consented.

In June, 1938, Mrs. Edwards visited the house at Ipswich.

The following week-end Mr. How was away from his wife and, when tackled about it, he admitted that he had been with Mrs. Edwards and gave as his excuse the advice he had received from his doctor. If that story were accepted, it was clear that Mrs. How did not consent to the inception of the relationship.

The story told on the other side was that Mrs. How said that it might be a way out of the difficulty if her husband took Mrs. Edwards as his mistress. She suggested that her husband and Mrs. Edwards should talk it over in the garden and they did so.

"Reluctant as I am to believe that the state of things which undoubtedly did exist was brought about by the wife's consent. I am satisfied that it was so.

"An endeavour has been made to represent Mrs. How as someone completely downtrodden by a domineering husband, but she did not give me that impression."

"TERRIBLE INDIGNITY PUT ON HER"

"Mr. and Mrs. How gave me the impression of being a couple with mutual trust and confidence, and it is inconceivable that a woman of her years and experience—if she did not know the inception of this to be what I am sure it was—should not have taken any steps to leave the house in which this terrible indignity was being put on her."

Referring to the evidence of Mr. and Mrs. How's son, the Judge said that the son had been put forward as a witness who should convince him that Mrs. How did not consent, because the son often heard his mother imploring his father to come back to her. When that happened was an all-important question.

WHEN "WIFE TRIED TO STOP IT"

"I do not believe," said Mr. Justice Henn Collins, "that anything of the sort happened in the sense that the wife was asking the husband to discard his mistress until after Mrs.

WITTY Kitty



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Dieting Dot says if she would scale down as fast as she'd like to, a drop in a parachute would have nothing on the speed in which her weight descended.

CLAIMS 700 YEARS' RIGHT TO UNIFORM

Accused of wearing the uniform of an Army captain without authority, a former Dorset vicar, aged seventy-one, claimed at Bow-street a privilege dating back 700 years.

He declared himself a descendant of a knight whose family, in the time of Henry II, was granted the right "in perpetuity" to wear military uniform during an emergency.

Maurice Kenah Exham, independent, of Latymer Court, Hammer-smith, was remanded after he had told the magistrate that his was a right which few people possessed.

One of his ancestors, Sir Richard Exham, he said, raised a large force of retainers at his own expense, and accompanied Strongbow to Ireland. Because of his services he was given a grant of land and the right for his descendants to wear uniform and bear arms in emergency.

BLAMES CROMWELL

"We are one of the old Anglo-Irish families who have always been strong Unionists. We were originally planted there by Strongbow with the idea of bringing the Irish people round to allegiance with England," he went on.

"When Cromwell came into power my ancestors were dispossessed of their property in Kerry and Cork, but their ancient privilege was never revoked."

He added that his first cousin, Colonel Exham, R.E., who constructed Rosyth-Dockyard, had consulted the College of Arms, the Herald's Office, and the Ulster King of Arms in Dublin Castle. His investigations confirmed the right.

"On the outbreak of war I applied to enlist and received an intimation that I had been placed on the Officers' Emergency Reserve," Exham continued. "On the strength of that I secured a uniform at my own expense. I had no ulterior motive."

Detective-Sergeant Norman said Exham came from a good family and was educated at Dublin University.

How's married sister arrived at the house.

"From that time onwards no doubt the wife did try to stop it, but not for very long, because once she had left the house—again under the influence of her relatives—she refused to answer letters her husband wrote to her."

Holding that Mr. How and Mrs. Edwards had made out their case, the Judge dismissed Mrs. How's petition.

THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 23, 1940

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 21st March, 1940.

PARADES

Corps Artillery
1st Battery.—Tues., 26th Mar., Belchers, 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. Class under 2nd Lieut. H. S. Jones and Sgt. Hsley. Dress—Overalls.

Wed., 27th Mar., Wellington Bks., 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Section, Mobile Light training. Dress—Overalls.

Fri., 29th Mar. (i) H.Q. Miniature Range, 5.30 p.m. B.C.A. Class under 2/Lt. D. McLellan. Dress—Mufti. (ii) H.Q. Pay parade for all members who have not yet received their Camp Pay.

2nd Battery.—Tues., 26th Mar., 5.15 p.m. Q.M. Store will be open for the issue and return of kit.

Wed., 27th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range. Left Section and B.C. Staff.

Thurs., 28th Mar., H.Q., 5.00 p.m. Miniature Range. Right Section and D.E.L. personnel.

Dress for Wed. and Thurs. parades, S.D. caps and overalls.

3rd Battery.—Wed., 27th Mar., H.Q., 7.45 p.m. Battery Dinner. All members not in possession of Blue Patrols will wear jacket and trousers, boots, S.D. caps and webbing belts.

Mon., 1st Apr. Next parade.

4th Battery.—Tues., 26th Mar., D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—Overalls.

5th A.A. Battery.—Tues., 26th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs., 28th Mar., Queen's Pier, 5.15 p.m. No. 2 Section. Pay parade, compulsory. Dress—Mufti.

Field Company Engineers
Thurs., 28th Mar., K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Technical training by Sections.

Corps Signals
Fri., 22nd Mar., H.Q., 9.00 a.m. Reconnaissance party.

Wed., 27th Mar., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Signal training—Instrument instruction.

Fri., 29th Mar., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Signal training for classification.

Mobile Column
Armoured Car Platoon.—Fri., 29th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. (i) Classes A, B and C. Fire Orders and Range Discipline. (ii) N.C.O.'s. Class. Guard duties etc.

Sun., 31st Mar., Stonecutters. Rifle Tables A and B. All Other Ranks who have not yet fired are reminded that these practices will be fired on this date.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon.—Fri., 29th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. Guard duties etc.

No. 1 Company.
Tues., 26th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

Fri., 29th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

No. 2 Company
Thurs., 28th Mar. (i) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction. (ii) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. and M.G. instruction.

Sun., 31st Mar. Stonecutters. Rifle Classification casuals. All men who have not yet fired must do so on this date.

No. 3 Company
Thurs., 28th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. As in Company training programme.

No. 4 Company
Wed., 27th Mar., H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Those detailed Kennedy Road Range.

Fri., 29th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. Lesson 10, I.A.

Sun., 31st Mar., 9.30 p.m. Those detailed. Peak Range. Musketry.

No. 6 Company
Tues., 2nd Apr. Foot and arms drill.

Wed., 10th Apr., H.Q., 1.45 p.m. Training exercises.

No. 7 Company
Thurs., 28th Mar., H.Q., 5.45 p.m. L.G. instruction. Section drill.

Army Service Corps Company

Supplies Section.—Tues., 26th Mar., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Drill. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. Those detailed from Transport Section will attend also.

Transport Section.—Thurs., 28th Mar., Kowloon Bus Co. Garage, Castle Peak Road, 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

Sun., 31st Mar., Stonecutters. Rifle casuals.

Field Ambulance
Wed., 27th Mar., Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m.

Fri., 29th Mar., St. Paul's College, 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

Amendment to Annexure
5th A.A. Battery. For "5 p.m. Wed. 10th to 8.30 a.m. Thurs. 11th Apr." read "5 p.m. Thurs. 11th to 8.30 a.m. Fri. 12th Apr."

Promotions and Appointments
2641, L/Cpl. T. J. McCluskie-Beattie, M.M.G. Pl., to be Pte.; 8.3.40; 2674, Sgt. A. A. Andrews, 2nd Bty., to be B.Q.M.S., 21.3.40; 2749, Gnr. H. W. Buckingham, 1st Bty., to be L/Bdr., 21.3.40; 2250, L/Bdr. E. L. Powell, 1st Bty., to be Gnr. (at own request), 21.3.40; 3191, L/Cpl. G. J. Schiller, Fd. Ambulance, to be Cpl., 21.3.40; 3185, Pte. G. Karpusheff, Fd. Ambulance, to be L/Cpl., 21.3.40; 854, C.Q.M.S. H. J. Millington, Fd. Coy. Engs. Unit Res., to be Sgt., 6.3.40.

Transfers
3522, Gnr. J. Hackney, from 1st Bty. to A.S.C. Coy., 9.3.40; 2247, Gnr. M. D. Watson, from 1st Bty. to 1st Bty. Res., 15.3.40; 2692, Gnr. J. S. Beach, from 2nd Bty. to Corps Art. H.Q., 21.3.40; 4166, Pte. T. V. N. Fortescue, from No. 1 Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 15.3.40.

Strength-Increase
4314, Pte. J. Crossan, Stanley Pl., 18.3.40; DR116, Spr. W. R. N. Andrews, Fd. Coy. Engs., 18.3.40; 4315, Gnr. J. A. V. Hart-Davis, 2nd Bty., 20.3.40.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Corps Rifle Meeting—14.4.40.
Programmes have been issued to all concerned.

Owing to restrictions of time and space the number of individual entrants not firing in Unit teams will be strictly limited.

Entries close March 29th.
AFFILIATED UNIT
NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture
The next lecture will be held on Fri., 29th Mar. at 5.30 p.m. in the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Attachment
The undermentioned lady was attached to Military Hospital for training during the period shown:—Mrs. H. G. M. Dowbiggin—26.2.40 to 11.3.40.

Strength-Decrease
Mrs. E. L. Strange—13.3.40.
Mrs. T. Dulley—20.3.40.

Strength-Increase
Mrs. I. Plummer—1.3.40.

First Aid Examination—Result.
The following members passed the First Aid Examination held on 15th and 16th February, 1940 and will receive St. John's Ambulance Certificate in due course:—Misses H. Brewer, G. White, D. Deakin, R. Grant, I. Buchanan, P. Baldwin, A. Dowbiggin, M. McCaw, P. Dodwell, I. Hibbard, D. Hamblin, H. Harker, H. Lindsell, P. Everest, E. Griffin, R. Judah, M. Cole, T. Olofinsky, B. Richards, C. Murray, A. Black, M. Eardley, S. Mackichan, P. Pritchard, B. Budden, M. Booker and J. Booker; Mesdames E. Paul, C. Martin, I. M. S. Braude, S. Lewis, M. Begdon, V. Simon-White, O. Nichol, E. Philipppens, J. Garland, M. Artlett, M. Richards, H. Dowbiggin, M. Budden, E. Tebbutt, M. Petri, H. Taus Weiss, C. Warren, M. Berruex, J. Dobbs and D. Booker.

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HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day:
Following are the results of yesterday's home football:

EAST MIDLAND GROUP		
Barnsley	3	Notts For.
Lincoln C.	4	Sheffield W.
EAST MIDLAND		
Grimsby	2	Sheff. Un.
Notts C.	2	Mansfield
WESTERN		
Crewe	3	Liverpool
N. Brighton	5	Tranmere
NORTH-WESTERN		
Barrow	4	Bolton
Southport	4	Carlisle
SOUTH-WESTERN		
Bristol R.	3	Newport
Bristol C.	3	Cardiff
NORTH-EASTERN		
Hartlepool	0	Bradford
Newcastle	3	Darlington
RED CROSS FUND MATCH		
All British XI	1	Football League
FRIENDLIES		
Burney	2	Huddersfield
Bury	3	Manch. United
Chelmsford	5	Luton
Chester	0	Blackburn
Chesterfield	3	Stoke
Doncaster	2	Leeds
Everton	4	Wolves
Manch. C.	5	Blackpool
Oldham	5	Rochdale
Plymouth	3	R.N. XI
Swindon	3	Northampton
Accrington	5	Halifax

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GROSS SCORES HALF-CENTURY

Honours were fairly even at the end of the first day's play in a cricket match at H.K.C.C. between T. A. Pearce's XI and the Hong Kong Feet, led by Capt. D. C. E. Gross.

T. A. Pearce's XI — 182 (J. L. C. Pearce 30, T. A. Pearce 21, D. I. Bosenquet 34, H. Owen Hughes 35, B. C. Fay 21; D. McLellan 4 for 32).

Hong Kong Feet — 101 for 4 (Capt. D. C. E. Gross 51, A. E. Perry 33; B. C. Fay 4 for 27).

HOCKEY INTERPORT

HONG KONG TEAM SHOULD DO WELL

(By "ADREM")

WITH THE MINIMUM OF FUSS and, I must confess, not a great deal of publicity, the Hockey Selection Committee have gone quietly about their task of picking the Colony team and, following a practice game against Kumaons on Thursday, nominated the following to play against Macao to-morrow:—

V. M. Benwell (Club); Pte. Stickley (M'Sex) and Datta Ram (Rajputs); Capt. G. W. Hook (R.A.), W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. M. Whitley (Club); S. A. Fowler (Club), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.), Nerain Singh (Kumaons) and Partaub Singh (Kumaons). Reserves are: — J. B. Gonsalves (Recreio), T. Alves (Recreio) and Cpl. Hitchcock (Royals).

There may be one or two of the positions which will not meet with the approval of all sections but then selections in any sort of game never do.

It is unfortunate that Vic Bond is unable to turn out owing to illness, but Pte. Stickley is a good man who has proved himself in the company of our best players and he can be relied upon to acquit himself with credit.

The defence generally is sound and the forward line, with four old caps augmented by Sgt. Homburg, the Colony's most prolific goal-scorer this season, should not be found wanting when opportunities for scoring goals present themselves.

SPEED AND HITTING

Macao, on the infrequent occasions they have been seen in action locally, have proved that speed and hard-hitting is still the essence of their game and, although Hong Kong will

have the moral advantage of having won the last match in foreign territory and having what must be considered a stronger team than on that occasion, they will do well not to under-rate the opposition Macao will undoubtedly offer.

The large crowd that is expected should not want for thrills and I cannot see a big margin in it whichever side carries off the honours.

CIVILIAN ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent the Civilians against Macao on Monday:

U. B. Souza (Radio); J. B. Gonsalves (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads); M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.), G. H. Fowler (Club) (Capt); A. M. Alves (Recreio), (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), E. Fowler (C.B.A.), J. A. Soares (Recreio).

Reserves. — R. Xavier (Nomads) (full-back); R. Marques (Recreio) (half-back), J. M. Pinto (Radio) (forward).

The Interport hockey dinner will be held at the Cafe Wiseman to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Queen's Sports

Weather permitting, the Queen's College annual Athletic Sports will be held on Wednesday at the Q. C. Ground, Causeway Bay.

NEXT WEEK'S TENNIS

Following is the programme of tennis matches at H.K.C.C. for the coming week:—

TUESDAY

Open Singles

J. S. Theobald v O. Umetani (5).
Leung Ping-chiu v J. Gonsalves (7).
H. D. Rumjahn v Marsland Ma (8).

Handicap Singles

C. H. R. Hyde (—30) v L. M. S. Lloyd (—2/6) (1).
D. M. Macdougall (—15.2) v P. W. Blyth (—2/6) (2).
T. J. Gould (—30) v R. C. Beavan (—2/6) (3).
T. C. Monaghan (—4/6) v J. J. Ferguson (—15.2) (6).

Handicap Doubles

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrewes (—30) v H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lammert (—2/6) (4).

WEDNESDAY

Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn v J. W. Leonard (5).
H. D. Rumjahn or Marsland Ma v J. S. Theobald or O. Umetani (8).

Club Championship

T. C. Monaghan v B. C. Fay (6).

Handicap Singles

C. B. Nicholson (—3/6) v E. R. Childs (+1/6) (1).
W. M. Barton (—3/6) v M. Pagh (—30.3) (3).
A. Lade (—4/6) v J. R. M. Smith (scratch) (7).

Handicap Doubles

A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (+1/6) v G. C. Burnett and W. Stoker (—5/6) (2).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley (—15.3) v V. R. Gordon and Mrs. L. P. Ralph (scratch) (4).

THURSDAY

Open Doubles

I. and B. Agafuroff v Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan (5).

Pang Oi Lam and Leung Ping-chiu v J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosenquet (4).

Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-fan v C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (8).

Handicap Singles

A. K. Mackenzie (2/6) v E. Zulauf (—15) (6).
H. J. Armstrong (—30) v S. M. Garrard (—15.3) (7).

Handicap Doubles

T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter (—3/6) v C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (1).

C. B. Nicholson and G. C. Hobbs (—2.6) v F. Macleod and E. S. Hall (+1/6) (2).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

P. W. Blyth and Miss B. Fair (scratch) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—15.2) (3).

FRIDAY

Open Doubles

T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v T. C. Chan and Marsland Ma (5).

Open Singles

Leung Ping-chiu or J. Gonsalves v Tsui Wal-pui (8).

Club Championship

S. M. Garrard v J. S. Theobald (7).

Handicap Singles

A. H. Barwell (—1/6) v J. C. Pool (1/6) (1).
G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6) (6).

Handicap Doubles

V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong (—15) v R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (—3/6) (2).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde (—30) v J. R. M. Smith and Mrs. D. E. B. Smith (scratch) (3).

C. M. Stark and Miss J. Reeve (—3/6) v Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson (—5/6) (4).

COLONY BADMINTON

K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew entered the quarter-finals of the Colony doubles badminton championship at King's College last night when they beat S. C. Chung and H. M. Lau, of Chinese "Y" 15—11, 8—15 and 15—8.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

In Colony badminton tournament matches played at King's College on Thursday evening K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro 17—14, 15—10 in the mixed doubles event and T. S. Young beat J. Clark 15—1, 15—10 in the junior singles.

H. Eardley and Norman Smith were conceded a walk-over by P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, last year's runners-up.

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GOLF

KOWLOON'S EASY WIN AGAINST HAPPY VALLEY

THE ANNUAL GOLF MATCH between Kowloon and Happy Valley, played at Kowloon yesterday, was won by the former by 22½ points to 11.

KOWLOON	
A. E. Davies	1
R. K. Collings	1½
A. J. Dennis	0
W. S. Hillier	¼
E. F. Fincher	0
W. C. Simpson	¼
W. A. Stewart	1
G. P. Murphy	¼
T. Lamb	0
A. A. Lopes	1½
W. V. Ahern	0
F. C. Barry	1½
G. Milne	1
A. L. Eastman	1
A. W. Ramsey	1½
W. Kershaw	0

HAPPY VALLEY	
J. T. Smith	0
R. Young	0
A. McKellar	1
W. Sharp	1
D. Humphries	1
T. Low	1
H. H. Mundy	0
A. C. I. Bowker	1
H. Smith	1½
G. Davies	0
T. B. Low	1½
J. A. R. Selby	0
G. Willerton	0
N. J. Booker	0
G. T. May	0
W. Stoker	1

KOWLOON	
A. E. Davies and R. K. Collings	2
A. J. Dennis and W. S. Hillier	0
E. F. Fincher and W. C. Simpson	2
W. A. Stewart and G. P. Murphy	2
T. Lamb and A. A. Lopes	2
W. V. Ahern and F. C. Barry	½
G. Milne and A. L. Eastman	2
A. W. Ramsey and W. Kershaw	2
Grand Total	22½

HAPPY VALLEY	
J. T. Smith and R. Young	0
A. McKellar and W. Sharp	0
D. Humphries and T. Low	0
H. H. Mundy and A. C. I. Booker	0
H. Smith and G. Davies	0
T. B. Low and J. A. R. Selby	2
G. Willerton and N. J. Booker	0
G. T. May and W. Stoker	½
Grand Total	11

DECREE NISI GRANTED TO STAGE STAR

London, Mar. 12.
Mr. Albert "Sandy" Powell, stage and radio comedian, was granted a decree nisi yesterday on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Mr. Benjamin Morris.

It was stated that the wife drank excessively and created scenes at theatres where her husband was performing.

Mr. Justice Bucknill said: "When sober, the petitioner's wife, is a very charming and attractive lady. Drink is her enemy."

Sandy Powell, broad-faced Lancashire comedian is one of the most popular vaudeville artists in England. He is famous for his Road Show, a travelling variety entertainment with which he tours England every year.

He first built up his reputation in an act that included the catch line "Can you hear me, Mother?" which he has worked into his shows ever since.

Whenever he is doing a show he rings his mother, who lives in a small town in Lancashire, at the interval. He says she brings him luck.

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SPY SUSPECTS ON SHIP

Revolver shots were fired when suspected spies were taken off a British liner 200 miles off Lisbon by a boarding party from an Allies warship.

The warship stopped the liner Highland Princess, sent over a boarding party, and questioned a man and a woman, says the Associated Press.

The couple were ordered to go aboard the warship, but some revolver shots were fired by the man before he was transferred.

They were reported to be travelling to South America on forged passports.

SCHOOLS' SPORTS

Despite miserable weather conditions, no fewer than three schools' athletic meetings were held on Thursday. These schools were Ellis Kadoorie, Diocesan Girls' and King's College.



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THE 1940 RACING GUIDE

Following gives all placed ponies in every race, the distance, the time, won by, weight and jockey, and the figure AM1 denotes the first day of the Annual Meeting, 1st E, First Extra Meeting:

China Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:—
1.02.4 (record)—Spiclight (Moller, 164); 2, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 3, White Diamond (Pih, 158). 1/2 and many. A.M.3.
1.04.3 (record)—Racylight (Moller, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, White Diamond (Pih, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
1.11.2—Rose Evelyn (Treverton, 158); 2, Portrush (Yeung Wing-kwai, 151); 3, Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 150). 1 1/2 and 2. 1st E.
1.12.0—Palmer (Wei, 153); 2, Lucky Eleven (Liang, 147); 3, Arabian Cat (Black, 150). 3/4 and 1/2. A.M.5.

- Six Furlongs:—
1.21.2 (record)—Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 2, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Eve of Folly (Proulx, 158). 6 and many. A.M.4.
1.22.4 (record)—Spiclight (Moller, 161); 2, Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3, Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and 1/2. A.M.1.
1.23.1—Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 156); 2, Humdrum Eve (Pih, 151); 3, Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.
1.23.3—Dupont Bay (Black, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man-wa, 158) and White Diamond (Pih, 158). 2 1/2 and dead heat. 1st E.
1.25.2—Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2, Oak Bay (Needa, 140); 3, Peaceful View (Pih, 158). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
1.27.3—National Pride (H. M. Botelho, 138); 2, Boolat Bay (Gram, 168); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 158). Short head and 2. A.M.4.
1.28.1—Galveston Bay (Hearne, 161); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 161); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 158). Short head and 6. 1st E.
1.29.3—Willynilly (Chiu, 142); 2, Smiling Time (Wei, 140); 3, Chatterbox (Encarnacao, 152). 2 and 1/2. A.M.5.
1.30.1—Clowner (Ip, 148) and Sylvandale (Hearne, 140); 3, Soldier of Britain (Fung, 168). Dead heat and 1 1/2. A.M.4.
1.31.4—Bressay (Hearne, 159); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 148); 3, Portrush (K. W. Fung, 158). 2 and 1 1/2. A.M.5.

- 1 Mile:—
1.51.2 (record)—Burford (Pih, 161); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Hearne, 161). A.M.3.
1.52.4—Craigavad (Encarnacao, 163); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Black, 151). 3/4 and 3/4. A.M.5.
1.53.1—Clember (Chao, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, Johnber (Gram, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.4.
1.54.1—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 168); 2, Lilliber (Gram, 152); 3, Bear Claw (Black, 155). 2 1/2 and 2. A.M.3.
2.01.0—King Kong (Chao, 159); 2, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 159); 3, Salvage Master (Pan, 150). 6 and many. A.M.4.
2.02.0—Musketeer (Liang, 157); 2, Celtic Star (Marshall, 165); 3, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165). 4 and 2. A.M.2.
2.09.2—Bogey (Chiu Ki Fan, 140); 2, Gog (Sadick, 161); 3, Valorous (Wood, 158). 4 and 1 1/2. A.M.4.

- 1 Mile 171 Yards:—
2.06.4—Bear Claw (Black, 150); 2, Galaxy (Chao, 155); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 158). 1/2 and 1/2. A.M.5.
2.08.1—Jennifer (Marshall, 157); 2, Expansion Time (Wei, 151) and Potentate (Encarnacao, 157). 2 and dead heat. A.M.5.
2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3, Galveston Bay (Hearne, 158). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
2.13.4—Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2, Guinness Time (Wei, 155); 3, Clowner (Ip, 146). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.1.
2.15.4—Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 2, Strathbannock (Black, 171); 3, Celtic Star (Marshall, 165). 3 and 3. A.M.3.
2.17.0—This Time (Wei, 140); 2, Night View (Pih, 163); 3, Some Hope (Hearne, 145). 1 1/2 and short head. A.M.3.
2.18.4—Phoenix (Liang, 152); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 140); 3, Bressay (Hearne, 154). 5 and neck. A.M.3.

- 1 1/4 Miles:—
2.20.4 (record)—Burford (Pih, 161); 2, Satinlight (Moller, 161); 3, Confusion Bay (Black, 161). 2 and 3. A.M.4.
2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2, Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3, Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and 1/2. A.M.2.
2.24.4—Racylight (Moller, 160) and Gretber (Gram, 161); 3, For All Time (Wei, 161). Dead heat and 5. A.M.4.
2.24.1—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Gretber (Gram, 161); 3, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.
2.28.1—Hopeful Star (Hearne, 151); 2, Avon (Black, 140); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 157). Neck and 1/2. 1st E.
2.28.1—Jobber (Chao, 154); 2, Peaceful View (Pih, 158); 3, Rose Jane (Poy, 140). 5 and short head. 1st E.

- 1 1/2 Miles:—
2.50.4 (record)—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Burford (Pih, 161); 3, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). 1/2 and many. A.M.2.

- 1 3/4 Miles:—
3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2, Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3, Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 158). Neck and many. A.M.1.



Australian Ponies

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards:—
1.00.2—Connleber (Gram, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 3/4 and 1 1/2. A.M.5.
1.00.3—Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 2, Spring Shine (Chao, 152); 3, Princess Claro (Liang, 152). 6 and 3. A.M.3.
1.01.0—Flying Dutchman (Needa, 152) and Sparrow (Chao, 153); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). Dead heat and short head. A.M.3.
Six Furlongs:—
1.16.2—Far View (Pih, 155); 2, Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 6 and 4. A.M.1.
1.17.2—Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2, Criffel (Needa, 150); 3, Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.
1.17.3—Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155); 2, Pumpernickel (Proulx, 152); 3, Derby Day (Chao, 155). Neck and 2 1/2. A.M.3.
1.17.4—Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2, Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3, Lucky Lady (Needa, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.1.
1.17.4—Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Contact (Davis, 152); 3, Viceroy (Chao, 153). 3 and 1. A.M.1.
1.19.2—Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 136); 2, Heinz (Davis, 153); 3, Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.

- 7 Furlongs 49 Yards:—
1.36.1—Alax (Liang, 150); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 145); 3, Pumpernickel (Proulx, 155). Short head and short head. A.M.4.

- 1 Mile:—
1.44.3—Devonian (Black, 150); 2, Tornado Star (Proulx, 162); 3, Triumphant Day (H. M. Botelho, 140). 3 and 1 1/2. 1st E.
1.44.4—Courtng Eve (Pih, 147); 2, Chiltern (Encarnacao, 155) and Tornado Star (Proulx, 153). 2 and dead heat. A.M.4.
1.45.3—Vanity Fair (Ip Kul-ying, 155); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Princess Claro (Liang, 153). 3 and 2. 1st E.
1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Busylight (H. M. Botelho, 147). 6 and 1/2. A.M.2.
1.47.2—A Roaring Time (Wei, 158); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 152); 3, Pumpernickel (Proulx, 161). 2 and 2. 1st E.
1.47.4—Twilight Star (Hearne, 154); 2, Violet Queen (Chao, 155); 3, Discovery Bay (Wei, 150). 2 and short head. A.M.5.
1.47.4—Albury (Encarnacao, 155); 2, SeapJay (Proulx, 155); 3, Maple Star (Tao, 154). 3 and 3. 1st E.
1.48.1—Lucky Lady (Hearne, 155) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 155); 3, Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.

- 1 1/4 Miles:—
2.10.4—Far View (Pih, 155); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 155); 3, Sapper (Encarnacao, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.5.
2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 145); 3, Devonian (Black, 150). 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.2.
2.15.1—Murrumbidgee (Black, 138); 2, A Roaring Time (Wei, 165); 3, Annabella (Chao, 165). Many and many. A.M.3.
2.16.0—Viceroy (Needa, 155); 2, Vanity Fair (Ip, 155); 3, Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Short head and 2 1/2. A.M.4.
2.16.3—Baffin Bay (Hearne, 160); 2, Tornado Star (Wei, 148); 3, Lucky Lad (Needa, 160). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
2.19.0—Brutus (Black, 158); 2, Discovery Bay (Wei, 145); 3, Twilight Star (S. W. Pan, 149). 5 and dead heat. A.M.2.
1 1/2 Miles:—
2.41.4 (record)—Far View (Pih, 155); 2, Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 3, Amicus Curiae (Marshall, 155). 3/4 and 6. A.M.3.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

- RACE NO. 1
O-LAN
JOHNBER
WHITE DIAMOND
Outsider:—Distinctive Time.
- RACE NO. 2
FAR VIEW
BAFFIN BAY
SAPPER
Outsider:—Lancashire Chips.
- RACE NO. 3
DUPONT BAY
HUMDRUM EVE
POSSIBLE
Outsider:—Clember.
- RACE NO. 4
CELTIC STAR
STRATHBANNOCK
GUINNESS TIME
Outsider:—Salvage Master.
- RACE NO. 5
ROWAN
LUCKY LADY
FLYING DUTCHMAN
Outsider:—Fair Chance.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

FINAL match connected with the small Units Rugby League will take place at Prince Edward Road today at 3.30 p.m. Medicals, winners of the trophy will meet a team selected from the R.A.S.C., Signals and 24th Bty. A. in an exhibition match, after which the trophy and medals will be presented to the winners by Col. Simpson, who being an Ex-International player himself, has watched the progress of the League with keen interest.

The medicals are worthy winners, having shown just that little extra combination throughout although they received a shock when they were beaten by the Signals in their first encounter with this team. They have been well served in all departments, and all have worked hard indeed. It would be unfair to select names for special mention as on different occasions various individuals have distinguished themselves by their fine efforts.

We must not forget the fine show put up by the other participants in the League, however. R.A.S.C. have been particularly unfortunate with departures and injuries, which weakened their team. This coupled with the fact that they have not a wide range to select from says much for their keenness and interest, for them to carry on as they did, and keep to the true spirit of the game.

24th Bty. has been the dark horse of the League and their vigorous tactics have caused quite a few upsets. They have shown great keenness throughout and of the players, who have represented them at various times, Keeble and Minors have been outstanding.

Signals were good triers all the way and considering that they started with almost a "learners" team, have done very well. Bedford, Willis, Langley and Morgan have been the mainstays, but all have co-operated. It would have been impossible to carry on with the League so successfully, if it had not been for the fine co-operation

shown by the four Unit Secretaries concerned. The rules were all very flexible and Units were given plenty of scope in arranging fixtures and it is pleasing that no argument arose over the decision of matches.

The main theme throughout has been "Never mind the result lets have a good game of Rugby." A truly fine spirit worthy of Army tradition.

These remarks would not be complete without thanking Middlesex Rgt. for their assistance in loaning their ground on every possible occasion.

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THE R.A.O.C. are the latest victims of the R.E. sporting "Blitzkrieg" and as expected they succumbed to the R.E. in the final of the Small Units' Cricket competition although it would have been interesting to note the result if both innings had been completed by each side.

At the commencement of their second innings the R.E. required only 42 runs but teams have been dismissed for less and we may have seen some wickets fall and an exciting finish. However, the weather decided otherwise and the R.E. added yet another trophy to their collection.

I don't expect this Unit will be satisfied, however, until they win one of the football trophies which have still to be competed for. Good luck Sappers!

The C.S.U. will probably have to alter their team for the large Units Cricket final which commences on Tuesday. L/Cpl. Logan is on the sick list with a damaged knee and L/Cpl. Young is also under doctor's orders. The absence of these two will certainly weaken the side and although I almost hate to mention it again, the R.E. may yet add another double. Lt. Coombe will probably be brought in to replace one of the absentees but the second substitute if required will be another problem.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL ATTRACTIONS

(By "REFEREE")
THE REPLAYS of the Semi-Final rounds of the Junior shield, the Macao interport and the Final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup are the main soccer attractions for the Easter week-end.

The junior shield ties provided excellent football the last time and this afternoon, with the advantage of more practice, the games should be contested at a faster pace.

An important First Division game between Eastern and Middlesex will be played at Sookunpoo. Eastern are anxious to finish their fixtures early next month and cannot afford to drop a point as they are in the running for second place.

St. Joseph's are fielding a strong side against Kowloon and will again have the services of Honniball and Castilho, who have recovered from injuries.

Williamson will be out of Kowloon's side but Ulrich is again fit.

To-morrow, the Macao Interport game will be played on Club ground and should result in Hong Kong winning, while on Easter Monday Scotland and China meet in the Final of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition, when China is expected to secure "a hat trick."

(Programme On Page 22)

Royal Scots defeated Club by five goals to one in their postponed First Division soccer encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Gordon (3), Allen and Falkoner scored for Royals and Fowler for Club.

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association held their first dance at Hotel Cecil last night which was well attended. Miss Lau and Mr. Woo won the prizes for the spot waltz while the Novelty Dance prizes were won by Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Truscott.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

There was a very interesting five-game Ten Pin match played last Thursday between U.S.S. Mindanao and the Alley Team, which resulted in a win for the Alley Team by the narrow margin of 113 pins.

Joe Landolt was unavoidably unable to turn out and A. Devonshire of Middlesex Regiment, very ably deputised.

The individual scores were as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM		MINDANAO	
J. H. Watts.....	793	D. M. Keplinger.....	835
G. Somerville.....	776	F. P. Hollis.....	773
A. Devonshire.....	766	J. R. Todd.....	688
H. Blount.....	750	R. E. Skiver.....	676

3085

2972

There was no score of 200 or over, in fact, D. M. Keplinger, of U.S.S. Mindanao, with 192 on his second game and a similar score in his fifth and last game, made the highest scores for the five games. His total bag was 835, or an average of 167 pins per game, good constant bowling.

On going back through Keplinger's match records I find that in his last six matches, his total pinnage has been 4808 or an average of 801 pins per match, or 160 pins per game; this is good constant bowling.

This compares very favourably with J. H. Watt's effort for the last six matches, his bag being 4981 or an average of 830 per match, an average of 166 per game.

H. Blount follows very closely with 4851 for his last six match games giving him an average of 806 per match or 161 pins per game.

In the match above referred to there was nothing much between the four Alley repre-

sentatives. The individual average for the four players was J. H. Watts 793 or average 159 per game, G. Somerville 776 or 153, A. Devonshire 766 or 153, and H. Blount 750 or 150 per game. All these players bowled below their usual form.

Keplinger, as I have already stated, made the highest score for his side that is 835, the highest score for his side with 773 or an average of 153 per game, J. R. Todd and R. E. Skiver trailed behind with 688 and 676, or an average of 138 and 135 respectively.

EDSAL'S DEPLETED TEAM

On Wednesday, a match was played between Royal Signals and U.S.S. Edsal, but owing to duties etc., only two of the Edsal players could turn out, so T. Class and J. R. Vicks of the U.S.S. Gold Star very kindly offered to fill in the gap. As the Edsal's visits to this Colony are few and far between I was very keen to see how they would shape against a team that has such a good reputation in these Alleys as the Royal Signals. The individual scores were as follows:—

ROYAL SIGNALS		U.S.S. EDSAL	
H. Blount.....	863	T. Class.....	760
J. H. Watt.....	807	J. R. Vicker.....	630
G. Somerville.....	734	J. Lobzelter.....	620
D. J. Hall.....	613	J. Herron.....	521

3017

2531

As can be seen by the above scores, Signals won very comfortably by the large margin of 486 pins. There were only two scores of 200 or over, Corp. Blount registering 212 on his first game, and T. Class of the

Gold Star, playing for the Edsal, notching 215 on his second game. Blount's bag was as follows:—starting off with four strikes in a row, a nine on his fifth frame, then two spares, a strike, two spares, and a nine with his extra ball to make 212. T. Class's effort was:—starting off with a nine on his first frame then three strikes in a row, a spare, on his fifth frame, then three strikes in a row, a spare on his ninth frame to finish upon his tenth frame with a nine, to make a total of 215; it was good bowling.

Corp. Blount was easily the top scorer of the match with 863 in his bag, or an average of 173 per game, while Corp. Watts was second with 807 or an average of 161 per game. Class, of Gold Star, playing for Edsal, was third with 760 or an average of 152 pins per game.

There was no doubt about the superiority of the Royal Signals, indeed they were never extended. The actual average score per player per game worked out at about 151 per game, whereas the Edsal teams' score per game, worked out at about 126 pins per game, only worked out at about 126 pins per game.

OUT OF PRACTICE

It was evident to me that the Edsal boys were very much out of practice, no doubt this being due to the fact that they have very little time to indulge in Indoor Bowling. Nevertheless the match was a pleasant and matey one, and in places really exciting.

Ernie, Hearther is still bowling like the veteran bowler that he is. In my last week's Jottings I mentioned that he put up 265 on March 12—this by the way is still the top score for the month—but last Saturday he almost surpassed this, for in two ordinary games, played in succession, he scored 235 and 258, or an average for the two games of 246 pins per game. His effort for the 235 score was:—starting off he registered a spare on his first and second frame, a strike on his third frame, a spare on his fourth and fifth frames, then five strikes in a row, to finish off with a spare on his two extra balls.

His 258 effort was made up with:—starting off with 7 strikes in a row, a spare on his eighth and ninth frame, a strike on his tenth frame and a spare with his two extra balls—two good efforts indeed!

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

TO-DAY

First Division

Kwong Wah v S. China "A"
(Boundry Road, at 4.30 p.m.).
Linesmen:—Wyper and Lee Bing Tong.

Kowloon v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, at 4.30 p.m.).

Middlesex v Eastern
(Sookumpoo, at 4.30 p.m.).

S. China "B" v Navy
(Caroline Hill, at 4.30 p.m.).

Junior Shield Semi-Final Replay
Engineers v S. China "A"

(Club, at 2.15 p.m.).

Police v 30th R.A.
(Club, at 4.00 p.m.).

Third Division

12th R.A. v South China
(Stanley, at 3.00 p.m.).

R.A.S.C. v Electric
(Sookumpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).

International v R.A.M.C.
(Caroline Hill, at 3.00 p.m.).

TO-MORROW

Interport Match

Hong Kong v Macau
(Club, at 4.00 p.m.).

MONDAY, 25th MARCH, 1940

Sunday Herald Charity Cup (Final)

Scotland v China
(Sookumpoo, at 4.00 p.m.).

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The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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MR. HULL REBUKES CROMWELL FOR SPEECH

Washington, To-day.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has telegraphed Mr. James Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada, saying his broadcast speech "contravened standing instructions to American diplomatic officers."
Mr. Hull added: "Such public statements by our diplomatic representatives are likely to disturb relations between this and other governments."—Reuter.
Mr. Cromwell in his speech had supported the Allies and strongly attacked Germany.

HIGHEST HONOUR FOR MANNERHEIM

Helsinki, To-day.
President Kallio has decorated Marshal Mannerheim with Finland's highest award, the Great Diamond Cross of the Order of the Cross of Freedom.
In an interview with foreign journalists, President Kallio asked them

MUTINY IN SHUMCHUN PRISON

Mutiny broke out among some 200 prisoners in the Shumchun Gaol last night.

Chinese troops were called out to quell the revolt.

The seven instigators, imprisoned "puppets," were court-martialed and executed by a firing squad at dawn to-day.

Three prisoners were killed and many injured.

It is said that when the news of the Japanese invasion of Namtau was heard by the prisoners, the seven Chinese who had been imprisoned for assisting the Japanese when they previously occupied Shumchun, incited the men to revolt.

AIR TRAINING SCHEME IN RHODESIA

Capetown, To-day.

An advance party of British air officers going to Rhodesia to help in the Empire training scheme arrived here yesterday.—Reuter.

to express Finland's thanks to their countries for the help given her during the war.

He had a special word for the assistance given by France and Britain, saying:—

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The kitchen portion of a four-storeyed building in Cochrane Street collapsed this morning. Two persons were injured and removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Wellington, To-day.

New Zealand churches have decided to offer prayers for the recovery of the Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, whose health is giving rise to anxiety.

Messages of sympathy and good wishes have been received from the King as well as Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Anthony Eden and Premier de Valera of Eire.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Reuter is authorised to state that despite German radio claims there have been no instances of rioting or quarrels between Australians and Arabs in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem and Jaffa.

On the contrary, the discipline of the troops has been admirable and relations with the Arabs have been excellent throughout.

The German wireless had issued harrowing stories of alleged Australian excesses, including the assertion that an Australian had been court-martialled and condemned to death "in order to pacify the Arab population."

Reuter was informed in London yesterday that there have been no sentences by any Australian courts-martial.—Reuter.

Alleged to have stolen a car for a joy-ride, five Indians were arrested early this morning and detained by the Police.

The car No. 6231 was reported to have been "stolen" from outside the East Asia Motor Service at No. 749, Nathan Road at 3 a.m. to-day.

Later the police found the car abandoned outside No. 249, Prince Edward Road.

The car had crashed into a pillar and was damaged.

Blood-stains in the car indicated that some of the passengers were injured.

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